



# Special Coin Letter

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## New Purchases and Great New Programs!

The past few weeks have been extremely busy for us here at Bowers and Merena Galleries. The market for choice and rare numismatic material is stronger than ever before, and we have received a tremendous response from our recent publications—including our new *Rare Coin Review*. We sense a great enthusiasm building, and right now we are doing our best to acquire interesting properties to offer in 1988. However, as always, choice material is hard to find!

**Offered in this issue** are items recently acquired through old-time properties and other sources. We are especially proud of a nice group of original bank-wrapped rolls of Buffalo nickels and Mercury dimes. Turn to our listing and take your pick of these. Or, use these as a starter to enroll in our Collection Portfolio Program, whereby you reap additional savings!

**About "slabbed" coins:** During the past several years we have handled many "certified" and "slabbed" coins issued by various grading services, including the American Numismatic Association Grading Service, PCGS, and Numismatic Guaranty Corporation. There is one problem, however, concerning these: the certificate pertains only to the so-called *technical grade*, with nothing said about other important aspects which contribute to a coin's value—including sharpness of strike, planchet quality, centering, luster and toning, and overall aesthetic appeal. As you know if you have been following auction prices realized, or are an old-timer in numismatics, you can have a dozen coins of the same technical grade, and have widely differing values. Coming to mind is a letter published in *Coin World* in which a group of Morgan silver dollars, each of the same variety and technical grade were reviewed by an expert, and market values ranged all the way from \$400 to \$1,200!

We have devised a perfect answer to this, in our opinion. We use certified coins as a *starting point*. We consider pieces certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation (of which we have recently become a member dealer) and the Professional Coin Grading Service. The "technical" grade imprinted on these capsules or "slabs" is the *beginning point* for us. From that point, the coins have to pass our own "quality test" for sharpness and strike, pleasing planchet, proper centering, outstanding

lustre, and overall aesthetic appeal. Sometimes we will have to reject several coins in order to find one that meets our requirements. Recently, we reviewed several dozen Peace dollars and couldn't find a single piece which met our own "quality test."

So, if you are "fussy" about quality, this new "B&M Certified Selected Quality Program" is for you. See our detailed description of the program, and fill in the coupon for the package of your choice. Certified coins have been especially popular with investors, but yet, until now, such investors have been puzzled by wide variations in market value for some issues. Now, in our program, you can take your pick of the cream of the crop. Each coin is personally inspected by Thomas Becker, Frank Van Valen, Elizabeth Arlin, Raymond Merena, and Q. David Bowers—a team of numismatists of unequalled experience and ability. So, you not only get the satisfaction of a certified Numismatic Guaranty Corporation or PCGS coin, but also the added confidence of knowing that each piece has been hand-picked by us, and is of exceptional quality.

**There are many wonderful opportunities** in this issue, so check every page. Remember, each and every item we offer in this *Special Coin Letter* is absolutely guaranteed to please. If for any reason you are not fully satisfied with any aspect of any coin, just return it within 30 days for an instant refund. We are not happy until you are! We have been keeping clients satisfied for nearly 35 years now, ever since 1953! We pride ourselves on delivering excellent quality and value to each of our customers.

**If this is your first transaction** with us, then welcome to our family. We are sure you will be pleased and will join the thousands of other numismatists worldwide who have made Bowers and Merena Galleries their number one coin firm. And, thank you for all the business you have brought our way. 1987 is by far the best year in our company history, but with your help we will make 1988 even better!

Sincerely,

Tom Becker  
Senior Numismatist, Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc.



## Colonial Coins

**(Undated) Circa 1672-1685 Elephant Token.** EE Thick planchet. Rich glossy brown surfaces. This piece was struck on an improperly annealed planchet. The central devices are well centered. Overall, a pleasing example of the issue . . . . . \$5.00

London Elephant Tokens were struck during the late 17th century. It is believed that these pieces refer to the great plague. The legend which reads GOD PRESERVE LONDON alludes to that crisis.

**Circa 1792-4 Kentucky Token.** Plain Edge. EF-45. Attractive medium brown surfaces. There is a trace of weakness on the central device on the obverse . . . . . \$25.00

**1794 Talbot, Allum & Lee cent.** EF-45. With CENT variety. A pleasing, light brown example, with traces of mint red in protected areas. The planchet is very nice on this piece, and free of detracting digs and marks. The devices are sharp and the devices are well centered. An appealing piece . . . . . \$25.00

## Half Cents

**1809/6 MS-60.** Breen 5. A sharply struck, fully lustrous example of this popular issue among half cent collectors. This is the first year of issue for the 1809/6. Hold type. Attractive light brown surfaces . . . . . \$25.00

**1811 VF-30.** B.L. Rarity 4 (near), Rarity 5. This piece is extremely attractive, with good hair detail still visible and a virtually problem-free planchet, save for a few die marks on the obverse. This particular date is extremely important to half cent collectors and sells rapidly when offered. We suggest you call immediately . . . . . \$25.00

**1833 MS-63.** Red and brown. Especially well struck with sharp detail in Liberty's hair and also in the leaves in the wreath on the reverse. Toned in extremely attractive in descent blue-green, gold, violet, and orange hues. This piece would be an attractive addition to any set. \$1,395. **MS-63.** Much mint red visible on this piece. This coin has gorgeous satiny surfaces, which complement somewhat frosted devices. This piece is also attractively toned in light iridescent hues. A nice piece for the collector . . . . . \$1,395.00

**1841 AU-50.** Beautiful glossy tan surfaces, free of detracting orange spots. Extremely sharply struck . . . . . \$29.00

**1850 AU-50.** A well struck example with fine rose and golden iridescence . . . . . \$59.00

**1861 AU-50.** Red and brown surfaces. A charming piece in an 800 on the reverse . . . . . \$59.00

## Large Cents

**1793 Wreath cent.** EF-40. Sheldon 10. A remarkably well-struck piece, free of detracting planchet porosity. This piece was struck slightly off center, with a broad rim below the date. Rich chocolate brown surfaces with some slight red discoloration on the reverse. This coin would make a magnificent addition to an early type set . . . . . \$7,750.00

**1794 EF-40.** S-65. Extremely sharply struck with very nice hair definition. The planchet on this coin is a mixture of light and medium brown. A small mark is noted near the O in OF on the reverse . . . . . \$1,495.00

**1830 AU-55.** Newcomb-1. Large Letters. Attractive light brown surfaces with hints of pale iridescent toning. Sharply struck . . . . . \$249.00

As you know, if you have been receiving our Special Cent Letter and Rare Coin Review issues, large cents never stay in our inventory very long. We have many serious collectors and a limited supply—so we encourage you to visit our toll-free number and call us at (800) 222-5339 as soon as you read this listing. Quick action on your part may be the only way to secure the coin you desire!

**1838 MS-64.** N-6. Gorgeous original mint lustre toned light tan and chocolate brown on the reverse. A toning spot is noted for technical purposes in the obverse field near the third star. An attractive example of this date. We have not had an example of this issue in stock for quite some time. Take advantage of the opportunity! . . . . . \$95.00

## Small Cents

**1857 Flying eagle.** MS-60. Extremely sharply struck and attractively toned light orange and rose . . . . . \$79.00

**1859 Indian cent.** MS-60. A popular first-year of issue date among Indian cent collectors. The only Indian cent variety with the laurel wreath reverse. This is a pleasing example of the issue, with attractive heather, golden orange, and rose surfaces. We only have one, and it is priced to sell quickly at . . . . . \$15.00

**1872 MS-63.** Attractive pale orange and deep golden toning. Very sharply struck and free of detracting marks . . . . . \$89.00

**1874 Bronze.** AU-55 . . . . . \$7.00

**1865 Proof-63.** Attractive, deep orange iridescence highlights sharply struck devices. A few tiny carbon spots are noted on Liberty's neck. Just over 500 Proofs struck . . . . . \$95.00

**1873 Closed 3.** Proof-60. Gorgeous electric blue, fiery orange, and golden toning. Save for a tiny pin scratch on Liberty's cheek, this coin would grade Proof-63 or better . . . . . \$25.00

**1884 Proof-61.** Outstanding eye appeal. This coin is toned magenta, fiery orange, and electric blue. In addition to the outstanding color, this piece is also extremely well struck and free of detracting marks . . . . . \$289.00

**1885 Proof-61.** Gorgeous deep violet and orange toning. Virtually immaculate surfaces. A pleasing, not worthy piece. Call quickly on this one . . . . . \$289.00

**1893 MS-64.** Outstanding quality. This piece is toned in lime green and very deep golden iridescence. A coin for the quality-conscious collector . . . . . \$495.00

## Large Type Piece

**1864 Large Motto.** MS-60. Traces of mint red in protected areas. Nice strike \$295. **MS-63.** Blazing full mint lustre and brilliance. Attractive fiery orange iridescence. Free of detracting carbon spots . . . . . \$25.00

## Silver Three-Cent Pieces

**1852 AU-55.** Brilliant with not a whisper of champagne toning . . . . . \$79.00

**1856 Type II.** MS-63. Pleasing satiny surfaces highlighted by light green, blue, pale orange, and golden iridescence. This piece is well struck with strong shield details . . . . . \$25.00

**1862 AU-55.** Warm gray, gunmetal blue, and golden toning . . . . . \$79.00

## Nickel Three-Cent Piece

**1873 Closed 3.** Proof-65. A striking, remarkably well-preserved example of the issue. This piece has fully frosted devices and is surrounded by pleasing, gorgeous satiny surfaces. The coin is sharply struck and has broad rims. There is a trace of weakness in the dentils below the bow on the reverse . . . . . \$95.00

It is hard to imagine that three extremely thin, small dozen examples exist of similar silver (but not gold) pieces were struck originally.

## Nickel Five-Cent Pieces

### SHIELD NICKELS

**1869 MS-60.** Attractively toned in soft pastel iridescence . . . . . \$15.00

**1874 AU-50** . . . . . \$89.00

**1875 EF-45** . . . . . \$49.00

**1882 AU-55.** Sharply struck. Very attractively toned in rose and golden hues. A nice piece for a type collection . . . . . \$95.00

**1883 Shield.** AU-55. Highly reflective surfaces \$85. **MS-60.** Outstanding sky blue, lime, and fiery golden orange toning. Extremely attractive \$189. **MS-63.** Exceptionally well struck and beautifully toned. Popular last year of type issue . . . . . \$25.00

### LIBERTY HEAD NICKELS

**1883 Without CENTS.** MS-60. Lustrous with light golden toning \$79. **MS-63.** Very attractive with light iridescent toning and a sharp strike . . . . . \$269.00

**1887 AU-55.** Fully brilliant . . . . . \$9.00

**1891 MS-60.** An attractive, original piece with light toning . . . . . \$79.00

**1900 MS-60.** Beautiful satiny lustre . . . . . \$79.00

**1908 MS-63.** Gorgeous deep tangerine, golden, and lime green toning . . . . . \$59.00

**1909 MS-60.** Well struck. Pleasing full mint lustre toned in light iridescent hues . . . . . \$149.00

**1911 AU-55.** Uniform golden toning . . . . . \$79.00

### BUFFALO NICKELS

We are pleased to offer you a nice selection of Buffalo nickels with many scarce and better-date issues. We offer a wide variety of dates and grades to choose from. Be sure to review the listing carefully to see if there is something you can use. Also take a look at our special package offerings listed elsewhere in this Special Coin Letter. We invite you to telephone us immediately on our toll-free line at (800) 222-5339.



1913 Type I. MS-60. Light orange and golden, toning \$85; MS-63. Lustrous with light iridescent toning \$115; MS-65. Superb mint lustre and attractive satiny surfaces. Lightly toned in champagne iridescence . . . . .	\$325.00
1913 Type I. MS-63. A satiny piece with light rose toning. Well struck . . . . .	\$129.00
1913-S Type I. MS-64. Sharply struck. A popular issue among collectors . . . . .	\$295.00
1913 Type II. MS-63. Sharply struck and attractively toned. Full mint lustre . . . . .	\$110.00
1914-D Type II. MS-63. Toned pale orange and rose. Popular date among collectors . . . . .	\$279.00
1915 MS-64. Razor-sharp strike . . . . .	\$225.00
1915-D MS-63. Beautiful pale iridescent toning. An issue we have not offered for quite some time . . . . .	\$289.00
1915-S MS-64. An original, attractively toned piece with an exceedingly sharp strike. An elusive issue . . . . .	\$595.00
1916 MS-63. Pleasing pale green, sky blue, and orange toning \$165; MS-64. Attractive satinelike lustre . . . . .	\$215.00
1916-S MS-63. Blazing mint brilliance highlighted by light toning . . . . .	\$249.00
1918 MS-64. Exceedingly sharply struck. A fully lustrous piece with light iridescent toning. Some flyspecks are noted on both the obverse and reverse of this piece . . . . .	\$295.00
1918-S MS-63. Blazing full mint lustre highlighted by light champagne toning. Softly struck, as is common for this issue. Some toning spots noted on this piece . . . . .	\$495.00
1920 MS-60 \$21; MS-63. Lightly toned \$105; MS-64. Gorgeous frothy lustre . . . . .	\$175.00
1920-D MS-64. A sharply struck example of the issue. Scarce and very desirable as such. Light golden toning complements lustrous, satiny surfaces . . . . .	\$995.00
1923 MS-65. Scarce in this high state of preservation. Attractive sky blue and pale orange toning highlight satiny surfaces. Needle-sharp strike . . . . .	\$775.00
1925-D MS-63. Gorgeous satiny fields are toned in pale orange iridescence. This coin has a better than average strike for the issue. Priced to sell quickly at . . . . .	\$525.00
1926 MS-63. Blazing full mint frost. Outstanding eye appeal \$159; MS-65. A handsome, all original piece, attractively toned in soft pastel iridescence. This coin has an exceedingly sharp strike . . . . .	\$550.00
1926-D MS-64. Difficult to find sharply struck. This piece is no exception—there is some weakness in strike on the reverse . . . . .	\$425.00
1927 MS-64. Attractive full mint bloom with a whisper of rose toning . . . . .	\$99.00
1927-S AU-55. Deep iridescent toning . . . . .	\$79.00
1929 MS-64. Pleasing heather and champagne toning. Nice strike . . . . .	\$89.00
1929-D MS-64. Superb satinelike lustre lightly toned . . . . .	\$235.00
1931-S MS-64. Golden orange toning . . . . .	\$179.00
1934 MS-63 . . . . .	\$79.00
1934-D MS-63. Attractive mint lustre . . . . .	\$129.00
1935 MS-63. Light iridescent toning . . . . .	\$39.00
1936 MS-63 . . . . .	\$37.00
1936-S MS-63. Heavy mottled toning . . . . .	\$55.00

1937 MS-63. Breathtaking, gorgeous full mint frost and brilliance . . . . .	\$35.00
1937-D MS-63. Lustrous with light champagne toning . . . . .	\$35.00
1937 MS-63. Heavy mottled toning . . . . .	\$37.00
1938-D MS-63. Pleasing satiny surfaces toned rose and light gold . . . . .	\$32.00

## Half Dimes

1829 MS-60. A frosty, lightly toned piece. Popular first-year issue . . . . .	\$395.00
1832 AU-58. Very sharply struck and lustrous with a whisper of light iridescent toning. Save for some light rub, this coin would grade MS-63. The second scarcest date within the Capped Bust type . . . . .	\$325.00
1842 AU-55. Beautiful frosty devices surrounded by mostly brilliant surfaces with some traces of golden orange and deep blue toning. Nice strike . . . . .	\$189.00
1847 AU-58. Mint frost with a whisper of light champagne toning. Sharply struck . . . . .	\$215.00
1870 AU-55. Deep electric blue toning . . . . .	\$159.00
1871 AU-55. Brilliant and frosty with the whisper of light rose peripheral toning . . . . .	\$159.00
1872 Mintmark above bow. MS-63. Gorgeous full mint lustre toned deep violet, blue, gold, and orange. A handsome, original example of the issue . . . . .	\$995.00

## Dimes

1814 MS-63. John Reich-I. A gorgeous, fully lustrous example with a hint of light golden and rose toning. This piece is very well struck and is free of detracting bag marks. This coin would make an exceptional addition to a high-quality Capped Bust dime collection, or an early type set. For the specialist . . . . .	\$3,150.00
1837 Liberty Seated. No Stars. AU-50. An important and popular type issue among collectors. This coin is extremely attractive, with warm gray, light blue, and pale orange toning. The piece is sharply struck and exhibits a great deal of original mint lustre. The only area of weakness is noted in the upper right hand portion of the shield . . . . .	\$595.00
1873 No Arrows. AU-55. Deep gunmetal blue and gray toning . . . . .	\$349.00
1876-CC AU-58. Heavily frosted devices surrounded by attractive light iridescent toning. A pleasing, sharply struck piece . . . . .	\$275.00
1883 MS-63 (NGC). Gorgeous full mint frost and pleasing satiny surface. Hints of attractive blue peripheral toning . . . . .	\$515.00
1913 AU-55. Brilliant with much mint lustre remaining . . . . .	\$99.00
1915 Proof-64. A breathtakingly gorgeous piece toned in deep magenta, electric blue, and golden orange iridescence. The highly reflective fields serve only to complement the toning. Extremely sharply struck and free of detracting hairlines and other problems. A prize for the connoisseur . . . . .	\$1,350.00

Just 450 Proofs were struck. It is hard to imagine that more than a couple dozen pieces exist in this superb state of preservation.

1916-S Barber. AU-55. Last year of issue for the Barber dime series. This piece is lustrous and

toned with just a whisper of champagne iridescence. We have not offered this particular issue for an extremely long time. Call quickly—we only have one . . . . . \$189.00

1920 MS-65. Full Split Bands (henceforth abbreviated as FSB). Pleasing frosty lustre with light peripheral toning . . . . . \$475.00

1928 MS-63. Blazing full mint brilliance. \$380.00

1929-D MS-65 FSB. Brilliant and frosty with a trace of light champagne toning. Nice eye appeal . . . . . \$395.00

1929-S AU-55. Toned . . . . . \$35.00

## Twenty-Cent Pieces

1875-S EF-45. Frosty devices surrounded by mottled iridescent toning . . . . . \$385.00

1878 Proof-60. Reflective surfaces surrounded heavily frosted devices. Exceedingly sharply struck \$2,995; Proof-64. Sky blue and orange toning complement highly reflective surfaces. Needle-sharp strike and frosty central devices. For the connoisseur . . . . . \$5,850.00

The 1878 20-cent piece is the last year of issue for this series. As a Proof-only issue, just 600 pieces were struck.

## Quarter Dollars

1877 AU-55. Beautiful full mint frost. An excellent piece for a type set . . . . .	\$179.00
1891 AU-55. Deep iridescent toning. Last year of issue of the Liberty Seated type . . . . .	\$249.00
1892-O AU-55. Striking full mint brilliance and frost . . . . .	\$185.00
1908 AU-55. Subdued mint lustre. Pleasing satiny surfaces . . . . .	\$185.00
1915-S AU-55. Brilliant and lustrous. An overlooked issue in the series. Scarce . . . . .	\$249.00
1917 Type I. AU-55. A beautiful, sharply struck example with a Full Head. This coin is in extremely nice condition. Lustrous with a trace of light champagne toning \$189; MS-60 Full Head. Tiny rim cut at 5:00 on the reverse \$250; MS-60 Full Head. Blazing full mint brilliance \$265; MS-63 Full Head. Gorgeous satinelike lustre toned in light champagne iridescence. This piece has exceptional eye appeal and is a very good value at . . . . .	\$495.00
1917 Type II. MS-60. Fully lustrous with light golden orange toning . . . . .	\$215.00
1918-S MS-60. Mostly brilliant with just a tinge of rose and pale orange toning . . . . .	\$199.00
1924 AU-55. Nearly Full Head . . . . .	\$75.00
1925 MS-60 . . . . .	\$199.00
1926-D MS-63. Full mint lustre . . . . .	\$349.00
1927-D MS-63. A better date in the series. Fully lustrous with satiny surfaces. Toned around the periphery . . . . .	\$389.00
1929 MS-63 Full Head. Frosty lustre with some mottled reverse toning . . . . .	\$379.00
1930 MS-63. Striking full mint frost \$349; MS-63 Full Head. Attractive mint bloom . . . . .	\$379.00

## Half Dollars

1827 Curl 2, EF-45. Overton-146, Rarity-3. Mostly brilliant with just a tinge of champagne toning. Scarce variety within the date—as most of these pieces had the Square Base 2 in the date . . . . . \$225.00



**1837 Reeded Edge. MS-60.** Superb strike. A very frosty piece toned warm gray and gold. A nice, original example of the issue. Priced to sell quickly at ..... \$950.00

**1853 Arrows & Rays. MS-60.** The color on this piece is simply outstanding—a combination of violet, magenta, pale rose, and gold-orange iridescence. Heavily frosted central devices serve only to add to the aesthetic appeal of this piece. Razor-sharp strike. An extremely attractive piece which would make a nice addition to a type set ..... \$1,995.00

**1861-O AU-55.** Mostly brilliant with attractive iridescent peripheral toning ..... \$325.00

**1880 MS-63.** Exquisite full mint frost and brilliance. The central devices and lettering on this coin are fully frosty and are complemented by reflective fields. There are just a few stray marks in the obverse field, but nothing of significance. An outstanding piece for the quality-conscious collector ..... \$2,250.00

There were just 9,755 business strikes minted of this year's 1880. Seated half dollars from the 1880s are extremely scarce and very popular among collectors. We encourage you a life advantage of this year's business strikes to your own outstanding example for your collection.

**1900 AU-55.** Much mint lustre remains. Toned in light champagne iridescence ..... \$495.00

**1912 MS-60.** Superb full mint lustre highlighted by attractive golden tone ..... \$795.00

**1935 MS-63.** Subdued mint frost ..... \$800.00

**1939 MS-60.** Brilliant ..... \$900.00

**1942 MS-63.** Facing full mint bloom with a whisper of light toning ..... \$149.00

## Silver Dollars

**1840 EF-40.** A strictly original piece which has acquired medium gray and iridescent toning over the years ..... \$950.00

**1871 AU-50.** Gorgeous original piece with attractive frosted devices surrounded by deep electric blue, golden orange and warm gray toning. A sharply struck piece ..... \$300.00

**1879-S MS-63.** Superb strike. Very few marks. This piece has beautiful frosty lustre which has faded near green and light silver-gray ..... \$950.00

**1922 MS-63.** Beautiful satiny lustre ..... \$800.00

**1926 MS-60.** Scarce date of the series. Mostly brilliant with satiny settings of toning ..... \$249.00

## Trade Dollars

**1873 CC-VE-30.** Light silver gray surfaces. Scarce and popular issue ..... \$15.00

**1877-S AU-50.** Gorgeous full mint brilliant and frost highlighted by a whisper of pale rose and champagne iridescence. Exceedingly nice eye appeal ..... \$415.00

**1881 Proof-63.** Gorgeous is definitely the word to describe this coin. The devices are very heavily frosted and are surrounded by deep mirrored fields. The entire coin is tinted in breathtakingly beautiful deep golden orange iridescence with the toning on the rim being deep electric blue and magenta. Save for some minute hairlines, this coin would easily grade Proof-65. Don't miss this one! ..... \$2,750.00

## Bowers and Merena Offers You Hand-Picked... Buffalo Nickels and Mercury



We offer you the finest quality coins, strictly original Mint original bank-wrapped rolls. These coins have been packaged available to you, our Special Coin Letter readers, at an extremely

When we encounter and purchase an interesting group of the saving along to you. With this in mind, we offer you the

**OPTION 1:** Choose \$250 or more worth of the Buffalo and generous 10% discount on the group. In addition, we offer "Kingswood" display holders for just \$20 each, 10 savings on #110 has openings for coins dated 1913 through and includes has openings for coins dated 1925 through and including 1 display and protect your coins.

## Mercury Dimes

Date	MS-63	MS-63 FSB
1934	\$52	—
1934-D	65	—
1935	32	42
1935-D	105	129
1936	32	—
1936-D	64	—
1936-S	50	75
1937	32	42
1937-D	40	—
1937-S	39	—
1938	32	—
1938-D	—	89
1939	27	—
1939-D	23	—
1940	22	20
1940-D	35	45
1940-S	21	—
1941	19	—
1941-D	38	—
1941-S	22	—
1942	19	—
1942-D	25	38
1942-S	27	—
1943	27	35
1943-D	22	35
1943-S	27	—
1944	23	—
1944-D	21	35
1944-S	26	43
1945	19	—
1945-D	25	45
1945-S	22	29

**OPTION 2:** Choose \$250 or more and receive a generous 10% discount on issues, or MS-63 Full Split Bands issues, or "Kingswood" holders that house the holder #120 (1916-1926); "Kingswood" holder #122 (1938-1945). We offer you savings of \$25.50 if you order all three.

**OPTION 3:** Combine \$250 worth of Mercury dimes—a total of \$50 discount on your order. This will one time! With this offer we will on the subjects of nickels and dimes. An Action Guide for the Collector.





# Dimes from Original Rolls!

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...#4, and "Kingswood" holder #111  
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...group. You may select strict MS-63  
...choice is yours. There are three  
...dime series. They are "Kingswood"  
...#121 (1927-1937); and "Kingswood"  
...five holders for just \$20 each—a sav-

Buffalo nickels together with \$250 worth  
...of both—and receive a confidential 15%  
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...and dimes (as well as a few other denominations), scarcity of  
...various issues, distinguishing characteristics for certain issues,  
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As an added bonus and incentive, we will send you the  
..."Kingswood" holders described in OPTION 1 and OPTION  
...2—five holders in all—for the incredible low price of just \$95  
...for the five holder set!

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...only while supplies last, so do not hesitate to call us immedi-  
...ately on our toll-free line at (800) 222-5993 to order the option  
...of your choice. Each and every coin comes with a 30-day  
...money-back guarantee of complete satisfaction. We are not  
...pleased until you are.



## Buffalo Nickels

Date	MS-63
1926-D	\$395
1928-D	119
1929-D	149
1930-S	159
1934	89
1934-D	129
1936	37
1936-D	45
1937-S	37
1938-D	32

## \$3 Gold Piece

**1860-S EF-40.** A pleasing example of this over-  
looked rarity in the \$3 gold series. A small  
mark in front of Liberty's nose is noted for  
technical purposes. The overall quality of this  
piece is exceptional.....\$795.00

Auction records indicate that the majority of known spec-  
imens grade Very Fine or less. A significant portion of the  
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This interesting \$2 note, issued January 1, 1863, features a central vignette of the Capitol building at Raleigh, North Carolina. Each note is printed on one side, and is numbered and signed.

Printed by J.T. Paterson and Co. of Augusta, Georgia, these notes will grade EF or better and certainly make a welcome addition to a Civil War era collection. Priced at just \$10.95

## Colorful Concordia, Louisiana \$20 Notes

Printed in black with bold red denomination on the obverse and green security vignette on the reverse, this high-grade note is certain to please even the most discriminating collector of paper money. Each note is signed by Mr. White and Mr. Green—adding even more color to the theme!

The pieces we have for sale are Uncirculated and most attractive at our low price of just \$25.00 each. Hurry on this one; we have just a dozen notes in stock!

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F-1603 \$1 1928-C. A very scarce issue. We have just a few of these notes in Gem New condition! Just \$550.

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## The Popular Hawaii Overprint Silver Certificate

The F-2300 \$1 1935-A Hawaii overprint note was issued for use in Hawaii during World War II as a precaution against counterfeit United States currency produced by the Japanese government. Each note has "HAWAII" boldly printed twice on the face and again, in large letters, on the reverse. We have just a few crisp Uncirculated examples in stock, each priced at \$49.



## A Very Beautiful Large-Size Silver Certificate

Certainly the F-236, \$1 Series of 1899 silver certificate, with signatures of Speelman and White, is one of the most beautiful one dollar notes—and yet, even in crisp New condition, they remain quite affordable.

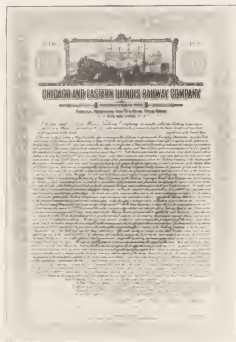
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## A Small Selection of Stocks and Bonds

Related in a way to the collecting of paper money, many stock certificates and bonds feature elaborate engraving and attractive vignettes, two of the things that make collecting paper money so much fun.

The certificates we offer here are very impressive examples of the engraver's art, and each will be a perfect decoration for your den or office. As an added bonus each certificate is accompanied by an attractive and framable "surprise" which is included at no extra cost.



### Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railway Co. \$1,000 Gold Bond

This large (10" x 12") and very impressive document is printed in gold ink and has many coupons attached.

The most interesting feature on this bond is the company's statement that the bond will be redeemed on the 1st day of May, 1951 in United States gold coins! Little did they know, back in 1920, that circulating gold coins would be long gone by the time the bond was to be redeemed.

These bonds will grade EF or better and are certain to make a very impressive decoration. Remember, each comes with a nice surprise and yet is priced at just \$29.95.



### Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Shares: \$100 Denomination

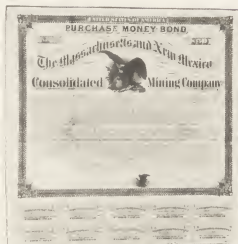
The locomotive roars along in the left corner of this gold-colored certificate. Originally issued in London, England, a British tax stamp appears on the face. Punch and stamp cancelled. A beautiful stock certificate from this very famous railroad. (Actual size: 11" x 7") Nice EF, plus a "neat" surprise, just \$27.50.



### Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, Certificate for Five Shares

This is the company which handled the transmission of the sinking of the Titanic!

A beautiful blue and black stock certificate with British tax stamp in orange on the obverse. (Actual size: 12" x 8") Punch and stamp cancelled. A nice EF example priced at only \$29.95. Plus, a surprise will be included at no extra cost.



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Issued in 1881, this large and impressive document features a screaming eagle as the central vignette. Mining stocks and bonds are rightly part of the romantic history of the West, and one certainly has to wonder at the name of this interesting firm. (Actual size: 15" x 17")

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- A-71 1829 AU-55. Strong strike highlighted by deep gray and blue toning ..... \$65.00  
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- A-73 1831 MS-60. Royal blue halo on both obverse and reverse ..... \$85.00  
 A-74 1833 AU-55. Frosty and sharp ..... \$65.00  
 A-75 1834 AU-55. Faint traces of gold, yellow, and magenta ..... \$65.00  
 A-76 1835 AU-55. Some traces of original lustre remain ..... \$65.00

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 A-79 1865 Proof-63. A sharply struck specimen with pale green and blue toning ..... \$125.00  
 A-80 1875 Proof-63. Frosty devices are surrounded by pale golden tinted mirrorlike surfaces ..... \$125.00  
 A-81 1880 Proof-60 to 63. Very attractive, with subdued gray and silver highlights against pale champagne fields ..... \$50.00  
 A-82 1887 Proof-60/63. Pale gray ..... \$75.00  
 A-83 1888 MS-63. A sharply struck and frosty piece ..... \$95.00  
 A-84 1890 Proof-60/63. Bright, flashy mirrorlike surfaces with the barest hint of golden toning ..... \$75.00  
 A-85 1891 Proof-60/63. An virtual twin of the 1890 dime mentioned above ..... \$75.00

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- A-86 1896 Proof-63. Blue and gray obverse, with a pleasing, brilliant golden gray on reverse ..... \$95.00

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- A-87 1917 MS-65. Full Split Bands. A bidly struck example, with mottled golden tones on obverse and reverse ..... \$75.00  
 A-88 1931-D MS-65. FSB. Lustrous and sharply struck ..... \$95.00  
 A-89 1937 Proof-65. Fully brilliant ..... \$95.00  
 A-90 1938 Proof-65. Another choice, high-quality example ..... \$80.00  
 A-91 1940 Proof-65. A well struck coin, with exceptional eye appeal ..... \$75.00  
 A-92 1941 Proof-65. Sharp ..... \$75.00  
 A-93 1942 Proof-65. Yet another high-quality Proof dime ..... \$75.00

## Twenty-Cent Pieces

- A-94 1875 AU-50. Dark, yet attractive ..... \$25.00  
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- A-96 1875 MS-60. Pleasing ..... \$95.00  
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## Quarter Dollars

## DRAPED BUST QUARTERS

- A-100 1804 VF-20. Rare date, first year of issue in the series ..... \$3,650.00  
 A-101 1805 VF-30. A piece with nice, even gray toning ..... \$85.00  
 A-102 1807 VF-30. Another even gray toned coin, with plenty of eye appeal ..... \$85.00

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- A-103 1818 EF-45. A well-struck and attractive coin ..... \$619.00  
 A-104 1821 EF-40. Good detail and a touch of gold toning ..... \$595.00  
 A-105 1825/4 AU-50. Deep gray and blue overlay the original mint lustre ..... \$1,250.00  
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 A-107 1834 AU-55. A sharply struck and pleasing example of this reduced size Capped Bust quarter ..... \$695.00

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- A-108 1840-O MS-60/63. No Drapery. A beautiful and original quarter that is very scarce in Mint State condition. A very desirable piece ..... \$2,495.00  
 A-109 1853 Arrows and Rays. MS-60. A well struck and lustrous example of this popular type coin ..... \$995.00  
 A-110 1853 Arrows and Rays. MS-60 to 63. Much original mint lustre appears under the gold and gray toning ..... \$1,295.00  
 A-111 1854 Arrows. MS-60. A lightly cleaned, but attractive example. This piece is a solid value at just ..... \$795.00  
 A-112 1854 Arrows. MS-60. Frosty and original ..... \$1,125.00



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 A-115 1876-S MS-63. Pale golden toning highlights this piece ..... \$1,650.00  
 A-116 1877 MS-64. A blazing silver center with blue and lavender toning on the obverse. The frosty reverse is near perfection ..... \$1,995.00  
 A-117 1878-CC MS-60. A frosty and original example of the popular Carson City Mint quarter ..... \$525.00

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- A-118 1882 MS-63. Pale golden toning highlights this popular first year of issue Barber quarter ..... \$750.00  
 A-119 1893-O MS-63. A fully brilliant silver coin ..... \$750.00  
 A-120 1901 MS-63. Lovely pale sea-green and golden toning ..... \$750.00  
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 A-122 1907 MS-63. Strong strike and frosty surfaces ..... \$750.00  
 A-123 1908-O MS-63. A sharp and lustrous specimen ..... \$750.00  
 A-124 1910-D MS-63. Slightly subdued lustre, yet very attractive ..... \$750.00  
 A-125 1915 MS-63. Just the slightest hint of golden toning on the obverse ..... \$750.00

## WASHINGTON QUARTERS

- A-126 1936 Proof-63. Blazing mirrorlike surfaces on obverse and reverse ..... \$550.00  
 A-127 1937-S MS-65. Fully struck. A nice example of this popular date ..... \$95.00

## Half Dollars

## DRAPED BUST TYPE

- A-128 1806 Pointed 6. EF-40. A nice, medium gray coin, with a die break through the bottom of the date ..... \$695.00  
 A-129 1806 Pointed 6. EF-45. A sharply struck piece, with lovely peripheral toning ..... \$775.00  
 A-130 1807 EF-40. A nice, evenly toned example of this last year of Draped Bust half dollars ..... \$695.00  
 A-131 1807 MS-60. A frosty and well-centered example, with overall eye appeal that is sure to please. Exceptionally well struck and desirable ..... \$5,800.00

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- A-132 1812 MS-60/63. Frosty and beautiful. A very attractive coin ..... \$995.00



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 A-133 1824 MS-60. A veritable rainbow of attractive blues and reds on both obverse and reverse. Attractive and sharp .....895.00  
 A-134 1825 MS-62. (PCGS). Sharply struck and desirable. Deep peripheral toning fades to lovely silver at the centers .....1,295.00  
 A-135 1827 MS-63. Square 2 variety. Hints of original mint lustre appear beneath gray and lilac toning. A choice piece .....1,895.00  
 A-136 1830 Large O. MS-60. Lovely gold and blue haloes accent this coin .....895.00



- A-137 1830 Large O. MS-63. Bold mint original lustre on obverse and reverse, highlighted by a touch of golden toning through the stars on the obverse. Truly choice .....995.00  
 A-138 1831 MS-60/63. Golden toned .....995.00  
 A-139 1831 MS-63. With attractive, pale golden toning .....1,895.00  
 A-140 1832 MS-60. Pale lilac toning appears on both surfaces .....895.00  
 A-141 1835 MS-60/63. A golden beauty, with tremendous eye appeal .....995.00  
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- A-144 1839 No Drapery. EF-40. An even gray, problem-free coin .....595.00  
 A-145 1839 No Drapery. EF-45. A well struck specimen .....695.00  
 A-146 1842-O Good-4. Small Date variety. Rare .....625.00  
 A-147 1842-O VG-8. Attractive, problem-free, and rare .....950.00  
 A-148 1853 Arrows and Rays. AU-50. Well struck and attractive .....795.00  
 A-149 1853 Arrows and Rays. AU-55. Well-detailed. A popular type .....995.00  
 A-150 1854 Arrows. AU-55. Lustrous and sharp .....695.00  
 A-151 1854 Arrows. MS-60. Pale lavender and golden toning .....1,295.00  
 A-152 1854-O Arrows. AU-55. Attractive and sure to please .....695.00  
 A-153 1854-O Arrows. AU-55. Another, but with repunched date .....695.00  
 A-154 1855-O Arrows. AU-55. A pleasing example .....695.00

- A-155 1855-O. Arrows. AU-55. Same as above, but with entire obverse repunched, including stars, Liberty, date, rock, and other details .....695.00  
 A-156 1856-O MS-60. Pale gunmetal blue toning and well-struck. Attractive .....795.00  
 A-157 1857 MS-61. (PCGS). An attractive coin with plenty of original lustre beneath pale gold and gray toning. Sure to please .....795.00  
 A-158 1859 MS-60. Lustrous .....650.00  
 A-159 1861-O MS-61. (PCGS). A razor-sharp strike and pale lilac toning highlight this lovely specimen .....1,995.00  
 A-160 1861-S MS-60. Slightly subdued lustre does not detract from the overall appeal of this piece .....850.00  
 A-161 1867 Proof-60 to 63. A sharp and attractive Proof half dollar .....995.00  
 A-162 1871-S MS-63. Bold and lustrous. Small "S" mintmark on reverse .....1,595.00  
 A-163 1872-CC EF-45. A superb sharp strike and pale green toning highlight this scarce Carson City issue. A choice coin for the collector .....550.00  
 A-164 1875 MS-60. Lustrous and sharply struck centers, with a tender halo of pale blue and violet around the obverse and reverse rims .....650.00  
 A-165 1876 MS-60. A lustrous, pale golden toned half dollar from our nation's Centennial year .....650.00  
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- A-169 1892-O AU-55. Lustrous .....595.00  
 A-170 1892-O MS-60 .....1,250.00  
 A-171 1892-O MS-63. A lustrous, top-notch example of this key date .....2,250.00  
 A-172 1892-S MS-60. A lustrous example of another scarce Barber half dollar .....995.00  
 A-173 1893-O MS-60. A pleasing Barber half dollar, with beautiful rust-colored toning on the obverse and reverse peripheries .....1,150.00  
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 A-175 1894-O AU-55. Lustrous and sharp, with a somewhat prooflike reverse .....525.00  
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 A-177 1895 MS-60. Sharp .....695.00  
 A-178 1895-O MS-60 .....1,150.00  
 A-179 1896 MS-60 .....695.00  
 A-180 1897 MS-60. A lustrous coin with a pale violet toning .....695.00  
 A-181 1897 MS-60/63. Much original mint lustre .....1,295.00  
 A-182 1899 MS-60. Lustrous .....695.00  
 A-183 1899-S MS-60. Quite well struck and lustrous .....695.00  
 A-184 1900 MS-60 .....695.00  
 A-185 1901 MS-60. Lustrous .....695.00  
 A-186 1902-O MS-60. Lustrous .....695.00  
 A-187 1905 MS-60. Very lustrous and very sharp. A nice MS-60 coin .....695.00  
 A-188 1906 MS-60. Somewhat subdued lustre, with pale golden toning .....695.00

- A-189 1911 MS-63. An attractive coin, with light gold and gray toning .....1,650.00  
 A-190 1913-D MS-60. Lovely pale golden-toning. Low mintage .....695.00

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 A-192 1916-S Mintmark on obverse. MS-60. Blazing mint lustre. Popular issue .....895.00  
 A-193 1918 MS-63. Sharply struck with full thumb detail visible on Miss Liberty's hand. Lustrous .....795.00  
 A-194 1919-D AU-55. Popular early Walking Liberty half dollar .....995.00  
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 A-196 1927-S MS-63. Elusive in this high state of preservation. Attractive full mint lustre and lightly toned around the periphery .....1,795.00  
 A-197 1928-S MS-60. Frosted devices contrast nicely with fully lustrous surfaces toned in champagne iridescence .....950.00  
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 A-201 1938-D MS-63. Pleasing full mint frost. Gorgeous satiny surfaces .....1,095.00  
 The 1918 D Walking Liberty half dollar has the third lowest mintage in the entire series. In fact, the mintage figure for this date is smaller than that for the 1921-S, a coin that is a major rarity in the series.

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## Silver Dollars

### DRAPED BUST DOLLARS

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**A-220 1856 MS-64 to 65.** Possibly finest known. Fully lustrous and has acquired mottled iridescent toning. An extremely sharply struck example of this classic rarity. A coin that should be seriously considered by all advanced silver dollar collectors. . . . . \$2,750.00

**A-221 1870 AU-55.** Fully frosted device and surrounded by brilliant surfaces. An underrated issue. . . . . \$95.00  
**A-222 1871 AU-50.** . . . . \$95.00  
**A-223 1871 AU-55.** . . . . \$95.00  
**A-224 1872 AU-55.** A sharply struck example. Much mint lustre remains. . . . . \$95.00

### MORGAN DOLLARS

**A-225 1883-CC MS-64.** Exceptional full mint brilliance and frost. Nice eye appeal. . . . . \$495.00  
**A-226 1885-CC MS-64.** A low-mintage issue with just 228,000 struck. This piece is an extremely nice example with fully frosted device and beautiful satin surfaces. . . . . \$725.00  
**A-227 1889 Proof-60 to 63.** Just 811 Proofs struck. Traces of light iridescent toning over highly reflective surfaces. . . . . \$1,250.00  
**A-228 1889-CC EF-45.** A sharply struck example of this elusive and highly sought-after issue. The coin has a trace of light golden ton-

ing. There is one mark in the left field near the eagle's wing in the reverse. A pleasing example of this key issue. . . . . \$795.00

**A-229 1890-O MS-64.** This coin exhibits superb full mint lustre over gorgeous satin surfaces. . . . . \$225.00  
**A-230 1892-CC MS-64.** Well struck, brilliant, and lustrous. Elusive this nice. . . . . \$1,350.00  
**A-231 1894 AU-50.** Brilliant. . . . . \$75.00  
**A-232 1894 AU-55.** Pleasing, well-struck example of this low-mintage issue. . . . . \$650.00  
**A-233 1894 Proof-55 to 60.** Scarce. Noticeable obverse scratches. . . . . \$1,995.00  
**A-234 1894-S MS-63.** Beautiful full mint frost surrounded by deep satiny surfaces. . . . . \$895.00  
**A-235 1896-S MS-63.** Blazing full mint brilliance. Well struck. . . . . \$995.00  
**A-236 1899 MS-64.** Pleasing frosty devices and fields. . . . . \$775.00

### PEACE DOLLARS

**A-237 1926 MS-64.** Bold strike. Full mint brilliance. . . . . \$95.00  
**A-238 1926-D MS-64.** Full mint frost and lustre. . . . . \$15.00  
**A-239 1927 MS-64.** Very elusive in this state of preservation. This piece exhibits full mint brilliance and beautiful satin surfaces. . . . . \$1,495.00  
**A-240 1928 MS-63.** A lustrous piece, with just a whisper of light champagne toning. Sharply struck. . . . . \$550.00  
**A-241 1934-S MS-60.** Brilliant with a trace of light peripheral toning. Exceedingly difficult to locate in full Mint State. . . . . \$1,450.00  
**A-242 1935 MS-64.** Pleasing, fully lustrous surface. . . . . \$650.00

### Trade Dollars



**A-243 1875-S MS-60.** Full original mint frost and lustre, toned light orange and pale gray. Exceedingly well struck. . . . . \$495.00  
**A-244 1877 MS-60.** Gorgeous deep blue, turquoise, green, and orange toning surrounding steel devices. Nice eye appeal. . . . . \$695.00  
**A-245 1881 Proof-63.** Fully frosted devices complemented by rich golden orange and violet toning. This coin has a razor-sharp strike and is simply outstanding! . . . . . \$2,750.00

### Gold Dollars

**A-246 1851-C EF-40.** Hints of mint lustre visible in protected areas. . . . . \$225.00  
**A-247 1854 Type II. EF-40.** Much mint lustre remains around the periphery. Attractively toned in deep orange hues. . . . . \$75.00

**A-248 1854 Type II. EF-45.** Lustrous and frosty. A nice piece for a type set. . . . . \$650.00  
**A-249 1855 Type II. EF-40.** A lustrous, well-preserved example of the issue. Nice eye appeal. . . . . \$75.00

**A-250 1855 Type II. EF-45.** . . . . \$350.00  
**A-251 1855 Type II. AU-50.** Traces of original mint lustre. Very attractive. . . . . \$1,975.00  
**A-252 1855-O Type II. EF-40.** A pleasing problem-free planchet. Scarce as a date, just 55,000 pieces minted. . . . . \$1,250.00  
**A-253 1860-D EF-45.** (PCGS). An attractive piece with pale orange peripheral toning. An exceedingly scarce date, especially in this outstanding state of preservation. . . . . \$6,600.00  
**A-254 1870-S MS-62.** (PCGS). A gorgeous, sharply struck piece with full mint frost. Exceedingly popular, as it is the last branch mint gold dollar minted in the series. Just 3,000 pieces were struck. Call quickly to obtain this beauty for your collection. . . . . \$5,500.00  
**A-255 1873 Open 3. MS-60.** Very well struck and attractive, with pleasing satiny surfaces. A nice example for a type set. . . . . \$895.00  
**A-256 1876 AU-50.** Much mint frost remains on the central devices. . . . . \$695.00  
**A-257 1879 MS-60.** Lightly polished. . . . . \$95.00  
**A-258 1881 AU-55.** A pleasing, lustrous example of the issue. . . . . \$795.00  
**A-259 1882 AU-50.** Extremely sharply struck and quite attractive. Save for a tiny mark in the left obverse field, this coin could easily grade AU-55 or better. . . . . \$550.00  
**A-260 1884 AU-55.** Heavily frosted devices are surrounded by deep reflective fields. This coin has a great deal of eye appeal. . . . . \$695.00  
**A-261 1886 AU-55.** Attractive frosty devices and mirrored surfaces. . . . . \$695.00



**A-262 1888 MS-60.** Brilliant, with pleasing satiny surfaces. A scarce issue. . . . . \$1,295.00

### Quarter Eagles

#### CLASSIC HEAD TYPE

**A-263 1834 No Mottos EF-40.** A pleasing well-struck example of this popular issue. . . . . \$95.00  
**A-264 1836 EF-40.** . . . . \$95.00  
**A-265 1836 EF-45.** Light orange toning over somewhat lustrous surfaces. . . . . \$495.00  
**A-266 1838 EF-40.** Sharply struck with traces of mint lustre in protected areas. . . . . \$95.00  
**A-267 1844-C EF-40.** An attractive piece with a whisper of light orange toning. This piece exhibits a great deal of lustre for an Extremely Fine coin. The 1844-C quarter eagle is difficult to locate in any grade, but is exceedingly scarce in EF or better condition. A very good value at. . . . . \$95.00  
**A-268 1857-O AU-50.** A gorgeous, fully lustrous piece complemented by a trace of light orange toning. Seldom is this coin offered for sale in grades higher than EF. Call quickly on this piece. . . . . \$995.00



**A-269 1872-S AU-55.** Beautiful satiny surfaces add to the overall eye appeal of this piece. Some weakness in strike, which is typical for all grades. This coin is exceedingly scarce in the issue, but especially so in this high state of preservation. Another overlooked piece in the quarter eagle series. . . . . \$895.00

**A-270 1886 MS-60.** A gorgeous, fully lustrous piece with pleasing satiny surfaces. This coin is extremely sharply struck and scarce as a date. . . . . \$2,295.00



**A-271 1887 AU-50.** Full mint lustre toned in pleasing orange and rose hues. Sharp strike. Would grade MS-60 but for some light rub on the highest points. . . . . \$2,295.00

**A-272 1907 MS-60.** Pleasing full mint frost complemented by satiny surfaces. Last year of issue for the Liberty Head type. . . . . \$995.00

### INDIAN HEAD TYPE

Outstanding 1910 Proof \$2½



**A-273 1910 Proof-63 or finer.** A pleasing example with heavily frosted central devices and bright yellow fields. Popular first year of type. . . . . \$8,900.00

**A-274 1911-D EF-45.** (ANACS). Well-struck, with attractive rose toning. . . . . \$1,295.00

**A-275 1911-D AU-55.** Brilliant. Mint frost on the devices. A good value at. . . . . \$1,495.00

**A-276 1911-D MS-62.** (PCGS). Extremely nice eye appeal. The coin is very sharply struck and is highlighted by full mint frost throughout. The scarcest issue in the Indian Head quarter eagle series. . . . . \$3,550.00

**A-277 1913 MS-60.** Full mint lustre. . . . . \$795.00

### Three Dollar Gold Pieces

**A-278 1854-O EF-40** . . . . . \$895.00



**A-279 1855 AU-50.** Sharply struck with frosty lustre. A few tiny marks in the obverse field and near 10:00 on the obverse rim. . . . . \$1,395.00

**A-280 1860-S EF-40.** Well struck with traces of mint lustre around the central devices and periphery. This piece is lightly toned rose and pale orange. Considered by David Akers as one of the "unsung rarities of this series." The majority of known specimens are VF or less. Although 7,000 pieces were minted, it is reported that 2,592 were later melted. . . . . \$795.00

**A-281 1878 EF-45.** Sharp strike. Brilliant with hints of original mint lustre. . . . . \$895.00

### Half Eagles

#### Elusive 1810 Half Eagle

**A-282 1810 Large Date, Large 5.** MS-60 to 63. (PCGS MS-61). This piece would make an outstanding addition to any high-quality collection. It is very well struck and exhibits full original mint lustre and frost. Certainly, a prize for the specialist. . . . . \$7,750.00



**A-283 1838 AU-50.** A fully lustrous specimen with light rose peripheral toning and a sharp strike. Priced at just. . . . . \$1,150.00

**A-284 1839 AU-50.** A brilliant, frosty, and sharply struck example of this type designed by Christian Gobrecht. . . . . \$775.00

**A-285 1845 No Motto AU-55.** Lustrous, with fiery orange toning. Scarce in this high state of preservation, as this issue is generally available only in VF or EF condition. . . . . \$425.00

**A-286 1852-D AU-50.** Blazing brilliance and lustre with just a whisper of pale orange peripheral toning. Unusually well struck for this date. . . . . \$1,350.00

**A-287 1854-C AU-50.** A lustrous and frosty example of this scarce Charlotte Mint issue. Some slight evidence of weakness in strike as is characteristic for the issue. Priced to sell quickly at. . . . . \$1,395.00

**A-288 1856-D EF-40.** A pleasing, lightly toned example of this scarce Dahlonega Mint issue. The 1856-D half eagle has a lower mintage than any of the Dahlonega Mint issues from 1840 through 1855. . . . . \$1,050.00

**A-289 1860 AU-50.** An attractive example of this elusive issue. This piece has frosted devices and is toned in orange and rose iridescence. . . . . \$995.00

**A-290 1879-S AU-55.** Highly reflective surfaces toned in pale orange iridescence. . . . . \$525.00

**A-291 1880-S MS-60.** Gorgeous full mint lustre and brilliance. . . . . \$595.00

**A-292 1881 MS-60.** Exceptional eye appeal. This coin exhibits full mint bloom and has gorgeous satiny surfaces. . . . . \$595.00

**A-293 1882-S MS-60.** Lustrous with attractive rose and orange toning. . . . . \$595.00

**A-294 1882-S MS-63.** Full mint lustre and brilliance. Sharply struck. . . . . \$1,650.00

**A-295 1885-S MS-60.** Frosty lustre. . . . . \$595.00

**A-296 1886-S MS-60.** Frosty devices highlighted by pale orange toning. . . . . \$545.00

**A-297 1893-O AU-50.** Frosty devices highlighted by pale orange toning. . . . . \$525.00

**A-298 1900 AU-55** . . . . . \$25.00

**A-299 1905-S MS-63.** Exceptional eye appeal.

This piece is very sharply struck, has pleasing satiny surfaces, and is lightly toned in soft rose and orange iridescence. . . . . \$550.00

### INDIAN HEAD TYPE

**A-300 1908 AU-55.** Attractive with frosted devices. Popular first year of issue. . . . . \$525.00

**A-301 1909-D AU-55.** Lustrous with very attractive light rose toning. . . . . \$525.00

**A-302 1910 AU-55** . . . . . \$525.00

**A-303 1910-S AU-55.** Difficult to obtain in this high state of preservation. . . . . \$525.00

**A-304 1911 AU-55.** Sharply struck and fully lustrous. . . . . \$595.00

**A-305 1912 AU-55** . . . . . \$525.00

**A-306 1913 AU-55.** Frosty and lustrous with hints of light toning. . . . . \$525.00

**A-307 1915 AU-55** . . . . . \$525.00

### Eagles

**A-308 1847-O EF-45.** Sharply struck with a great deal of mint lustre remaining. The devices are fully frosted and add to the overall appeal of the piece. . . . . \$595.00

**A-309 1849 EF-45.** Brilliant. . . . . \$525.00

**A-310 1850 EF-45.** Very sharply struck. A good value at. . . . . \$75.00

**A-311 1891-CC AU-55** . . . . . \$525.00



**A-312 1893 MS-60.** Sharp strike. . . . . \$695.00

**A-313 1898-S MS-60.** Attractive lustre and satiny fields. Very well struck. . . . . \$695.00

**A-314 1905 MS-60.** Blazing mint brilliance and lustre. Nice eye appeal. . . . . \$550.00

### INDIAN HEAD TYPE

**A-315 1908 With Motto AU-55.** Popular Saint-Gaudens type. Well struck and fully lustrous. . . . . \$695.00

**A-316 1909-S AU-50.** A pleasing piece with very attractive light rose toning over fully lustrous surfaces. . . . . \$675.00

**A-317 1911 AU-50.** Brilliant. . . . . \$650.00

**A-318 1912 AU-55.** A pleasing piece with a razor-sharp strike. . . . . \$695.00

**A-319 1914 AU-50.** Hints of mint lustre remain. Deep orange and rose toning. . . . . \$675.00

**A-320 1914-D EF-45.** (ANACS). Fully brilliant with a great deal of mint lustre remaining. A good value at. . . . . \$650.00



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Each coin in this three-piece collection will grade lustrous EF-45 or better with attractive, problem-free surfaces. You will receive a Type I gold dollar, minted between the years 1849 and 1854; an example of the scarce Type II gold dollar struck from 1854 through 1856; and a very nice Type III coin struck from 1856 through 1889.

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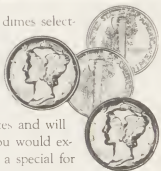


## More Selections From Original Mercury Dime Rolls

This four-coin special includes the following Mercury dimes selected from original rolls. You will receive one of each:

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- 1943-D
- 1944
- 1945-D

Each of these coins is fully brilliant with frosty surfaces and will grade at least MS-63. If ordered at our regular prices you would expect to pay \$92 for the four coins. Order this group as a special for just \$80. Stock No. A-502.



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- A-386 1849 Mormon gold \$5. EF-45. (PCGS). A bright lustrous piece, with attractive rose toning. An important issue which is seldom offered for sale. 5,900.00
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- A-388 1849 Moffat & Co. \$10 gold. VG-8 to F-12. A few marks on the rim are noted. A nice example of the type. 1,250.00
- A-389 1850 Moffat & Co., San Francisco, \$5 gold, AU-50 to 55. (PCGS AU-53). An attractive example, far above average, of this famous territorial issue. 4,600.00
- A-390 1860 Clark, Gruber & C. \$2½ gold. Denver, Colorado. AU-55. (PCGS). An outstanding example of this historic and popular Colorado territorial gold issue. 2,950.00
- A-391 1861 Clark, Gruber & Co. \$5. Denver, Colorado. EF-45. (PCGS). Some areas of light striking at the center, typical for the issue. Very attractive overall. 3,400.00



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### Three Uncommonly Nice Lincoln Cents

Most bronze coins tend to tone or even discolor with age—so it is always exciting to find a group of coins which have been perfectly stored, and are still as bright and attractive as the day they left the mint.

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- A-321 1914-S MS-63. This piece has remarkable eye appeal and is fully lustrous, rare this choice ..... 4,195.00
- A-322 1915 AU-55. An attractive piece for a type set. This coin is toned in soft orange and rose iridescence ..... 695.00
- A-323 1932 AU-55. Brilliant and lustrous with pleasing satiny surfaces ..... 695.00

## Double Eagles

- A-324 1852-O EF-40 ..... 995.00
- A-325 1876 MS-60. A beautiful coin with heavily frosted devices and deep, mirrored surfaces. This piece has a great deal of eye appeal, and would be a welcome addition to a high-quality collection ..... 2,050.00
- A-326 1877-S MS-60. Pleasing satiny lustre toned in light rose hues ..... 995.00
- A-327 1878 MS-60/63. Very sharply struck and fully lustrous with full mint frost evident on the devices. Quite scarce in Mint State condition ..... 1,550.00
- A-328 1883-S MS-63. A pleasing piece which exhibits full mint bloom and frost. Very difficult to obtain this nice ..... 1,595.00
- A-329 1884-S MS-60. Sharply struck and fully brilliant ..... 895.00
- A-330 1885-S MS-60 ..... 895.00
- A-331 1890-CC EF-45. Popular and highly sought after Carson City Mint issue. This piece has a great deal of original mint lustre and is lightly toned in golden orange iridescence ..... 895.00
- A-332 1895 MS-60 ..... 895.00
- A-333 1895 MS-63. Exceptional eye appeal. This coin is exceedingly sharply struck with full original mint lustre ..... 1,595.00
- A-334 1896-S MS-60. Sharply struck and lustrous ..... 895.00
- A-335 1897 MS-63. Nice eye appeal ..... 1,645.00
- A-336 1900 MS-63. Pleasing, problem-free surfaces ..... 1,395.00
- A-337 1901-S MS-63. A better date in the series. This coin is fully lustrous with a whisper of light rose toning ..... 1,645.00
- A-338 1903-S MS-60 ..... 795.00
- A-339 1903-S MS-63 ..... 1,395.00
- A-340 1904 MS-63. Fully brilliant ..... 1,295.00
- A-341 1904 MS-63, prooflike. Mirrored surfaces surround fully frosted devices ..... 1,395.00
- A-342 1904 MS-64. Outstanding quality, strike, lustre, and eye appeal ..... 1,395.00
- A-343 1904-S MS-63. Lustrous ..... 1,395.00
- A-344 1907 Liberty Head. MS-63. A piece with full mint brilliance and just a whisper of pale toning ..... 1,695.00
- A-345 1907-D MS-60. Frosty with light rose toning ..... 895.00

- A-346 1907-D MS-63. Exceptional eye appeal. Sharply struck ..... 1,695.00
- A-347 1907-S MS-60. Last year of type for the Liberty Head design ..... 795.00

## SAINT-GAUDENS TYPE

### Classic MS-63 MCMVII High Relief \$20



- A-348 MCMVII (1907) High Relief Double eagle. Wire edge. MS-63. A classic American rarity! This specimen is merely a few tiny marks shy of a full MS-63 grade, and features attractive satiny lustre and a crisp strike. What better opportunity to add to your collection a magnificent example of what many consider to be the most beautiful American coin ever? We know you will be completely satisfied! ..... 17,950.00

- A-349 1909/8 EF-45 ..... 895.00
- A-350 1909/8 AU-55. Full mint frost and lustre. This coin has the eye appeal of an MS-63 piece, but has some slight rub on the highest points. An exceedingly attractive coin and very popular among collectors ..... 995.00
- A-351 1909-S MS-60. A nice, frosty example for a type set ..... 995.00
- A-352 1910 MS-60. Satiny lustre ..... 995.00
- A-353 1910-D MS-63. Outstanding eye appeal. Fully lustrous with heavily frosted devices and smooth fields. A nice high-quality example for a type set ..... 1,495.00
- A-354 1910-S MS-63. Quite difficult to obtain in Mint State preservation, and very scarce in MS-63 or better quality. This piece is sharply struck with full mint bloom. A pleasing example of the issue ..... 1,995.00
- A-355 1911-D MS-60 ..... 995.00
- A-356 1911-D MS-63. Superb! ..... 1,695.00
- A-357 1915-S MS-63. Well struck with full mint lustre ..... 1,695.00
- A-358 1924 MS-60. Mint frost ..... 895.00
- A-359 1924 MS-63. Full mint brilliance and lustre ..... 1,495.00
- A-360 1925 MS-63. The central devices on this piece are tinted with light rose toning. Well struck and fully lustrous ..... 1,895.00
- A-361 1927 MS-63. Pleasing satiny surfaces with rich golden toning ..... 1,495.00

- A-363 1900 Lafayette dollar. MS-60 to 63.

- Frosty lustre with a trace of light golden toning. A nice original example, worthy of a high-quality set ..... 1,250.00
- A-364 1936 Arkansas PDS set. MS-63. Each coin has original satiny surfaces and is quite attractive ..... 525.00
- A-365 1936 Arkansas PDS set. MS-63. All three pieces are brilliant and frosty ..... 525.00
- A-366 1938 Arkansas PDS set. MS-60. Attractive ..... 575.00
- A-367 1938 Arkansas PDS set. MS-64. All three pieces have golden and pale green toning, mostly around the periphery. A scarce set, especially in this high grade ..... 2,350.00
- A-368 1935 Boone PDS set. MS-63 ..... 795.00
- A-369 1937 Boone PDS set. MS-60. All three pieces are brilliant and exhibit nice original mint lustre ..... 725.00
- A-370 1925 California. MS-64. Sharply struck with blaring mint lustre. Difficult to find this nice ..... 895.00
- A-371 1936 Cleveland. MS-64 ..... 545.00
- A-372 1935 Connecticut. MS-64. Pleasing satiny lustre with just a whisper of light champagne toning ..... 825.00
- A-373 1936 Delaware. MS-63. Very lightly toned ..... 525.00
- A-374 1936 Delaware. MS-63. (NGC). A pleasing ..... 550.00
- A-375 1936 Elgin. MS-63. Beautiful satiny lustre toned in light golden iridescence ..... 550.00
- A-376 1922 Grant With Star. MS-60. An exceedingly scarce issue, always in great demand by collectors. This piece is fully brilliant and sharply struck. Call quickly, because we only have one ..... 995.00
- A-377 1928 Hawaii. MS-63. One of the key dates in the commemorative half dollar series. Mostly brilliant with just a trace of peripheral toning on the reverse ..... 2,750.00
- A-378 1935 Hudson. MS-60. Lustrous with light iridescent toning ..... 895.00
- A-379 1935 Hudson. MS-63. Pleasing satiny lustre with light peripheral toning on the reverse ..... 1,150.00
- A-380 1935 Hudson. MS-64. Blazing full mint lustre and brilliance with just a trace of light champagne toning. A gorgeous example of this scarce issue ..... 1,595.00
- A-381 1936 Long Island. MS-64. Pleasing satiny lustre with pastel toning ..... 549.00
- A-382 1921 Missouri. Plain. MS-63. An extremely attractive piece. Fully lustrous with a trace of light golden toning. Take advantage of this opportunity to fill a gap in your commemorative collection ..... 795.00
- A-383 1936-S Rhode Island. MS-64. Exceptional eye appeal. This piece exhibits beautiful satiny lustre throughout ..... 525.00
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- 1850-O EF-40. This first branch mint double eagle is scarce in all grades. We offer a pleasing and attractive coin for only . . . 995.00
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If you listen only to the promoters, who once prospered by selling common coins in uncommonly nice condition, then business is indeed off. This "condition crazy" segment of the overall coin market has dwindled dramatically as previous customers have matured and switched to buying rarities and coins of proven value.

From Bowers and Merena's much broader view, the coin market is great! Just look at the facts that support this opinion:

1. Auctions by Bowers and Merena is now in the midst of a long series of tremendously successful sales. If you attended any of our recent auctions, you know first hand that the market for truly rare coins is healthy and booming. These days, a Bowers and Merena auction is no place for the meek—or for a bargain hunter. Event after event generates great enthusiasm and very strong prices. Our October, November, and January sales saw many price records shattered. And the trend is continuing: we have already received a record number of requests for the *Guia* and the *Norweb Part II* catalogues. These two very important sales, which will be held in March, are certain to keep buyers scrambling.

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**1882-S AU-50.** Sharp and lustrous. .6,500.00

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**1883-S AU-50.** Lustre and sharp. .6,250.00

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**1885-CC MS-60.** A rarity in the double eagle series. This coin ranks high among the finest known examples which remain from the small original mintage of just 9,450 pieces. Coin surfaces are fully lustrous with the minimum of contact marks. Don't forget our lay away program! It is designed for rare opportunities such as this. .4,950.00

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**1892-CC AU-50.** Detect-free. .950.00

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**1897-S AU-50 . . . . .** 550.00

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**1900 MS-63.** Frosty and lustrous, with nice clean surfaces. Scarce this nice. .1,450.00

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**1901 MS-60.** By far the scarcest of the entire 20th-century Liberty double eagle series, with a scant mintage of just 31,254. A frosty and attractive example with a minimum of contact marks. Scarce. .995.00

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**1906 AU-55.** An attractive and problem-free example of this scarce issue. .850.00

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**1915-S MS-60.** A beautiful coin with claims to a higher grade \$895. MS-63. .1,695.00

**1924 MS-63.** Lustrous, attractive. .1,495.00

**1927 MS-63.** Outstanding lustre and strike highlight this late-date beauty. .1,495.00

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## Now is the Time!

2. The "information explosion" has created a large number of well-informed buyers who will be involved with coins for years to come. At Bowers and Merena our book business is simply fantastic! Each month new sales records are set and each new book we offer generates a large number of pre-publication orders. Today's numismatist does indeed buy the book before the coin. Furthermore, many of our customers are ordering \$100 or more worth of books at a time. Such orders certainly indicate a more than casual interest in coins, to say the least! Well prepared by the information supplied in books we sell, collectors can proceed with confidence. Armed with knowledge, they are willing to spend freely for the right coins.

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This good news in numismatics suggests a very positive future—which won't be confined to Bowers and Merena Galleries, but will be market-wide.

Consider for a moment these important developments:

1. Buyers now realize that "slabs" will not transform a common coin into a rarity. When they were still a novelty in the marketplace, tamperproof "slabs" seemed to make common coins more interesting. Now that such holders are commonplace, the serious buyer overlooks the packaging and is back to studying the coin. Those who take a narrow view of value are disappointed

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that common pieces, even in "slabs," have settled in value. At the same time, a customer who prefers this type of packaging is now able to pick from a much greater selection of coins since many truly scarce and rare coins have now been graded and packaged in this manner.

**2. Current participants in the coin market** are an interesting mixture of old and new. Veteran collectors have returned to the market in force, and are making their presence known both in our auction room and through orders my mail. The new collector is welcomed by a hobby which offers conservative grading, bountiful supplies of information, and modestly priced coins.

**3. Very conservative and comprehensive grading** insures fair value. I cannot remember a time when grading standards were more conservative and standardized. Being able to acquire coins which have been graded by experts *before* the purchase is made is a positive advantage that will be of short-term and long-term benefit to everybody. The collector need not be so concerned when making a significant purchase, and investment-minded buyers can be much more confident that they are being treated fairly both when buying and selling.

**4. Prices will explode!** As we are seeing at our auction sales, informed buyers are ready to toss pricing guides and record books aside when the opportunity occurs to purchase a special coin. The supply of rare coins is very limited, and, as we have seen in the past, it takes very little buying pressure to create higher price levels. The successful buyer must possess is the ability to determine which coins are truly difficult to find and which are bargains at the current levels. Since 1953 we have been placing the right coins with the right collectors. We understand which coins represent the best values, and which have historically outperformed their apparently similar—but far less desirable—counterparts. This knowledge is not for sale. Rather it is available, *free of charge*, to every Bowers and Merena customer!

## Leave the sidelines and join in!

Here are a few good reasons why you should begin buying rare coins or increase your activity—*now!*

**1. The value of the dollar** is dropping worldwide with few prospects for immediate recovery. Historically, rare coins and precious metals have been a very good way of preserving wealth. In times of uncertainty, it makes good sense to rely on proven winners. As our amazing auction results show, many collectors are spending over-valued greenbacks and buying under-valued rare coins.

**2. Today's uncrowded marketplace** allows you to make the best selections. The active numismatist is finding the current coin market to be a very comfortable place to do business. Grading standards have stabilized at the conservative end of the scale, and the absence of promoters has allowed the collector to regain his rightful place in the marketplace.

**3. You need not be wealthy** to participate in the coin market. We work with numerous customers who spend no more than \$100 per month and still make significant additions to their collections. You will find that there are many worthwhile coins to collect which are not expensive; we have found that a program of regular acquisitions can quickly build you a substantial collection of those coins.

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**4. Last, but certainly not least,** carefully examine the listings in this *Special Coin Letter*. We have some superb values available in rare and choice double eagles. Also see our special selection of various coins priced under \$200! You are sure to find something that appeals to you—and you are certain to be pleased with the coins you receive. At Bowers and Merena Galleries, we guarantee it.

Sincerely,



Tom Becker  
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1914 MS-60 \$59; MS-63	109.00
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1919 AU-55. Nice luster and toning	25.00
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1928-D MS-63	119.00
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1929 AU-50	14.00
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1943-D MS-65. Full Steps	15.00
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1846 VG-8. 27,000 mintage	199.00
1847 AU-58	199.00
1853 With Arrows. F-15 \$23; VF-30 \$33; EF-45 \$89; AU-50	159.00
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1856 EF-45 \$89; AU-50 \$159; AU-55	179.00
1856-O AU-55	189.00
1857 EF-40 \$79; EF-45 \$89; AU-50	159.00
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1827 VF-20	125.00
1830 EF-40	185.00

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1846 G-4. Very scarce	109.00
1847 F-15	45.00
1853 With Arrows. EF-45	49.00
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1864-S F-15	49.00
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1888 AU-55	149.00
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1908 AU-55	99.00
1908-D AU-55	99.00
1909 AU-55	99.00
1910 AU-50 \$89; AU-55 \$99; MS-60	199.00
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1912 AU-50 \$89; AU-55	99.00
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1847-O F-12	59.00
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1854 With Arrows. EF-40 \$99; EF-45	179.00
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1858 EF-45	115.00
1859-O F-15	50.00
1861 AU-50	175.00
1863 EF-45	135.00
1864 F-12 \$95; VF-50	159.00
1868-S F-12	99.00
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1904 AU-55	185.00
1905 AU-58	199.00
1908 AU-55	185.00
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1915 AU-55	185.00
1915-D AU-55	185.00
1916 AU-55	185.00
1916-D AU-55	185.00

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1917-D Type II AU-58	195.00
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1924 EF-40	39.00
1925 EF-45	45.00
1925 MS-60	199.00
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1927 EF-45	45.00
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1827 EF-45	165.00
1828 Square 1, Small 8, Large Letters, Extremely Fine-40	135.00
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1829 VF-30 \$89; EF-40	135.00
1830 EF-45	165.00
1831 EF-40	135.00
1832 EF-40 \$135; EF-45	165.00
1833 EF-40 \$135; EF-45	165.00
1834 Large Date, Large Letters, Extremely Fine-40 \$135; EF-45	165.00
1834 Large Date, Small Letters, EF-40	135.00
1834 Small Date, Small Letters, EF-40	135.00

1835 EF-40	135.00
1836 Lettered Edge, EF-45	165.00
1837 Reeded Edge, EF-40	169.00
1838 F12 \$59; VF-30	129.00

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1840-O AU-50	199.00
1842 Medium Date, EF-40 \$139; EF-45	199.00
1844 EF-45 \$159; AU-50	199.00
1845-O VG-8; VF-30	95.00
1846 Tall Date, AU-50	199.00
1846-O Medium Date, VF-30 \$89; Extremely Fine-45	159.00
1847-O VG-8	29.00
1848-O EF-45 \$159; AU-50	199.00
1849-O EF-40 \$149; AU-50	199.00
1850-O AU-50	199.00
1853 Arrows and Rays, VF-30	179.00
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1856-O AU-50	199.00
1857 AU-50	199.00
1858 AU-50	199.00
1858-O Extremely Fine-45, Small scratch on shield \$129; AU-50	199.00
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1859-O AU-50	199.00
1860-S G-4	25.00
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1863-S AU-50	199.00
1866 With Motto, EF-45	169.00
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1873-S With Arrows, G-4	59.00
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1874-CC With Arrows, G-4	109.00
1874-S With Arrows, VG-8	59.00
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1876 VG-8	21.00
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1877-CC VG-8	39.00
1877-S G-4	15.00
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1897-O F12	89.00
1900 EF-40	195.00
1900-O F12	75.00

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1921-D VG-8, Key date	99.00
1934 MS-60	89.00
1935 MS-60	89.00
1936 MS-60	89.00
1939 MS-60	79.00
1939-D AU-50	32.00

1941-D AU-55 \$24; AU-58 \$59; MS-60	79.00
1941-S AU-50 \$69; AU-55	79.00
1942 AU-55 \$19; MS-61 \$14; MS-64	199.00
1942-D AU-55 \$26; MS-60	85.00
1943 About Uncirculated-55 \$19; MS-60 \$99	199.00
MS-61 \$139; MS-64	199.00
1943-D AU-55 \$26; AU-58	89.00
1943-S AU-55 \$55; MS-60	169.00
1944 AU-55 \$19; MS-60	89.00
1944-S AU-55 \$27; MS-60 \$89; MS-61	199.00
1945 MS-60 \$59; MS-61 \$149; MS-64	195.00
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1882-CC MS-60	149.00
1882-S MS-60	59.00
1883 MS-60	59.00
1883-CC MS-60 \$135; MS-60 to 63	159.00
1883-O MS-60 \$65; MS-63 \$105; MS-64	159.00
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1884-CC MS-60 \$135; MS-60 Prooflike	159.00
1884-O MS-60	59.00
1884-S AU-55	199.00
1885-O MS-63	99.00
1885-S MS-60	165.00
1886 MS-60 \$59; MS-63	99.00
1886-S MS-60	199.00
1887 MS-60 \$59; MS-63	99.00
1887-S MS-60	139.00
1888 MS-60	59.00
1888-O MS-60 \$59; MS-63	119.00
1888-S MS-60	199.00
1889 MS-60 \$59; MS-63	119.00
1889-S MS-60	169.00
1890-CC AU-55	79.00
1890-S MS-60	99.00
1891 MS-60	79.00
1892-O MS-60	169.00
1893 AU-55	175.00
1894-O AU-55	109.00
1896 MS-60	59.00
1896-O AU-55	99.00
1897-S MS-60	115.00
1898 MS-60	39.00
1898-O MS-60 \$49; MS-63	99.00
1898-S MS-60 to 63	199.00
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Welcome to the **Special Silver Issue** of the *Special Coin Letter*. This edition and the next one to come are devoted strictly to silver coinage.

**Right now, we present silver pieces** from the three-cent denomination through and including Walking Liberty half dollars. The next issue will continue from that point through silver dollars, trade dollars, and commemoratives.

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- 1859 O AU-55. Well struck and mostly brilliant with orange peripheral toning... \$189.00
- 1860 EF-48 \$75; EF-45 \$89; AU-50... \$159.00
- 1858 EF-45 \$89; AU-50. Sharp strike \$159; MS-64 (NGC).** Blazing mint but lilac and lustre with a trace of fiery orange peripheral toning. Nice eye appeal... \$125.00
- 1859 Proof-60/63.** Heavily frosted devices surrounded by mirrored fields toned in pale iridescence. Sharp strike... \$1,150.00
- 1860 EF-40... \$70.00
- 1861 AU-50. Deep iridescent toning... \$45.00
- 1862 EF-45 \$79; AU-50. Toned \$145; AU-55.** Frosty lustre with light gray toning \$119; **MS-60/63.** Deep electric blue, rose, gold, and pearl gray toning... \$25.00
- 1863 G-4. Pale gray and rose. Extremely low mintage issue... \$5.00
- 1867 EF-45 \$79; AU-50 \$145; AU-55. Attractive, mirrored, lustrous... \$189.00
- 1868 EF-45 \$79; AU-50 \$145; AU-55. Lustrous \$159; **MS-60.** Fully lustrous with charcoal gray and sky blue toning... \$99.00
- 1869 EF-45 \$79; AU-50. Toned \$145; AU-55. Pleasing frosty lustre \$159; **MS-60.** Exceptional bluish iridescent toning evident on fully frosted surfaces... \$149.00
- 1872-S Mintmark Below Bow. AU-50.** Mostly brilliant with a trace of light peripheral toning. Lustrous \$179; **MS-62.** (NGC). Exceptional full mint frost complemented by pleasing satiny surfaces. There is a whisper of pale iridescent toning... \$95.00
- 1873 S AU-50. Last year of issue... \$155.00

## Dimes

### DRAPED BUST TYPE

- 1805 F-12.** This coin could easily grade close to VF if not for the cleaning it received at one time. Mostly brilliant... \$695.00

- 1805 EF-40. Five Berries.** Well struck. Fully lustrous and toned in light iridescent hues. A scratch is noted near the 10th star in the obverse field... \$1,595.00

### CAPPED BUST TYPE

- 1820 Large O. VF-20. Brilliant with a trace of original mint lustre around the stars and central devices. Small rim nick above the A in STATES on the reverse... \$65.00
- 1821 EF-40. Beautiful original mint lustre toned in light orange iridescence. Save for some light obverse nicks, this coin would grade EF-45 or better... \$295.00
- 1827 VF-20 \$125; EF-45.** A gorgeous original piece with deep rose, orange, light green, and golden-gray toning. Very well struck and well preserved \$425; **AU-50.** An outstanding example of the issue, with an exceedingly sharp strike. Toned in light pastel hues... \$695.00
- 1830 EF-40. Toned orange and gray... \$185.00
- 1831 AU-55. John Reich-1.** Extraordinary satiny lustre complemented by soft gold and orange toning... \$565.00
- 1833 AU-50.** Blazing brilliance... \$475.00

### LIBERTY SEATED TYPE

- 1838 Partial Drapery. MS-62 (NGC).** Fully brilliant at the centers and very sharply struck. Toned around the periphery in mauve and fiery orange... \$1,395.00



- 1839 AU-50. Lustrous with soft baby blue and deep orange toning... \$275.00
- 1840 With Drapery. F-12. Scarce... \$99.00
- 1841 G-4 \$49; VF-20. Toned light gray and rose. Popular low-mintage issue... \$195.00
- 1846 G-4. Very scarce... \$109.00
- 1847 F-15. Rose and sky blue toning... \$5.00
- 1850 MS-64.** Breathakingly beautiful satiny surfaces toned orange. Exceptional quality. Elusive find... \$1,995.00
- 1853 Arrows. EF-45 \$49; MS-63 (NGC).** Exceptional full mint frost and lustre highlighted by champagne iridescence... \$795.00
- 1862 EF-45. Deep blue and gray toning \$89; Proof-55. Reflective surfaces toned pale gray and gold. Sharp strike... \$225.00
- 1864 F-15... \$49.00
- 1865 Proof-62 (NGC).** Highly reflective surfaces heavily toned sea green, blue, and gold. Frosty devices... \$995.00
- 1866 F-12.** Extremely scarce issue... \$995.00
- 1868 Proof-62 (NGC).** Superb deep iridescent toning over mirrored surfaces... \$850.00
- 1873 Arrows. VF-30 \$49; Proof-63 (NGC).** Blazing mint brilliance surrounds heavily frosted devices. Some light peripheral toning is noted. Scarce... \$2,250.00
- 1875 Proof-63.** Heavily frosted devices, surrounded by mirrored surfaces toned deep orange and lilac... \$1,150.00

- 1875 O AU-50. Lustrous with light gray toning... \$235.00
- 1876 O AU-50. Lustrous with light gray toning... \$235.00
- 1877 O AU-50. Lustrous with light gray toning... \$235.00
- 1878 O AU-50. Lustrous with light gray toning... \$235.00
- 1879 O AU-50. Lustrous with light gray toning... \$235.00
- 1880 O AU-50. Lustrous with light gray toning... \$235.00
- 1883 MS-63 (NGC).** Fully lustrous with light gray toning... \$135.00
- 1887 AU-55.** Lustrous with light golden-toning \$139; **MS-63.** Outstanding eye appeal. Pleasing lustre toned in electric blue, magenta, orange, and gold toning... \$459.00
- 1888 AU-55 \$149; MS-63.** Fully lustrous with light gold toning... \$95.00
- 1889 Proof-60. Full mint brilliance... \$459.00
- 1890 MS-63.** Frosty with attractive iridescent toning... \$95.00
- 1891 AU-55. Last year of type. Lustrous with pale orange toning... \$139.00

### BARBER DIMS

- 1892 AU-50... \$89.00
- 1893 O VF-20. An attractive, original piece with sky blue and rose toning... \$99.00
- 1897 MS-60. Gunmetal blue toning... \$225.00
- 1901 AU-55. Toned... \$99.00
- 1901 O AU-55. Lustrous with a whisper of light toning... \$99.00
- 1905 S AU-55. Highly reflective surfaces toned in fiery orange iridescence... \$99.00
- 1906 S AU-55. Frosty lustre... \$109.00
- 1908 AU-55... \$99.00
- 1908 D AU-55. Brilliant... \$99.00
- 1909 AU-55. Lustrous with deep russet peripheral toning... \$99.00
- 1910 AU-50. Fully brilliant \$89; AU-55. Lustrous \$99; **MS-60.** Full mint frost with gorgeous original toning... \$225.00
- 1911 AU-55... \$89.00
- 1912 AU-50 \$89; AU-55. Brilliant... \$99.00
- 1912 D AU-55. Well struck... \$99.00
- 1912 S AU-55. A slightly better date in the series. Lightly toned... \$129.00
- 1913 EF-40 \$29; EF-45 \$39; AU-50. Brilliant \$89; AU-55. Lustrous \$99; AU-58. Natural mint frost with light toning... \$119.00
- 1914 AU-55... \$99.00
- 1914 D AU-58. A pleasing piece with deep golden toning over sharply struck and fully lustrous surfaces... \$195.00
- 1915 EF-45 \$39; MS-60.** Natural mint frost with mottled toning \$225; **Proof-64.** Exceptional eye appeal. Outstanding electric blue and violet toning. Superb strike... \$1,350.00
- 1916 Barber EF-40 \$29; AU-55... \$99.00

### MERCURY DIMS

- 1916 Mercury MS-63.** Full Split Bands \$95; **MS-65 FSB**... \$475.00
- 1916 S MS-65... \$295.00
- 1917 MS-63 FSB \$119; MS-65 FSB**... \$750.00
- 1919 D MS-63... \$95.00
- 1920 MS-65 FSB**... \$475.00
- 1921 F-15 \$79; EF-40... \$345.00
- 1924 S AU-50... \$49.00
- 1927 D AU-50... \$79.00
- 1929-D MS-65 \$149; MS-65 FSB**... \$445.00
- 1931 AU-55... \$19.00
- 1934 MS-63 \$52; MS-63 FSB... \$79.00



1943-D MS-63 \$65; MS-65	99.00
1945 MS-63 \$32; MS-63 FSB	42.00
1945-D MS-63 \$105; MS-65	149.00
1945-S MS-63 \$49; MS-65 FSB	375.00
1946 MS-63 \$32; MS-63 FSB	42.00
1946-D MS-63	64.00
1946-S MS-63 \$59; MS-63 FSB \$75; MS-65 FSB	259.00
Attractive	259.00
1937 MS-63 \$32; MS-63 FSB \$42; MS-65 \$59;	
<b>Proof-65</b>	995.00
1937-D MS-63 FSB \$59; MS-65 FSB	179.00
1937-S MS-63	39.00
1938 MS-63 \$32; <b>Proof-63</b> \$395; <b>Proof-64</b>	
\$475; <b>Proof-65</b>	850.00
1938-D MS-63 FSB	89.00
1939 MS-63	27.00
1939-D MS-63	23.00
1939-S MS-63	49.00
1940 MS-63 \$22; MS-63 FSB \$29; <b>Proof-65</b>	
Elusive issue	975.00
1940-D MS-63 \$35; MS-63 FSB \$42; MS-65 FSB	
Lustrous	239.00
1940-S MS-63 \$22; MS-63 FSB \$32; MS-65	
A pleasing piece	69.00
1941 MS-63 \$19; MS-65	45.00
1941-D MS-63 \$38; MS-63 FSB \$59; MS-65 \$79;	
MS-65 FSB	115.00
1941-S MS-63 \$22; MS-63 FSB \$36; MS-65	
Lustrous	59.00
1942 MS-63 \$27; <b>Proof-63</b> \$249; MS-65	49.00
1942-D MS-63 \$27; MS-63 FSB \$38; MS-65 \$75;	
MS-65 FSB	149.00
1942-S MS-63 \$27; MS-63 FSB \$42; MS-65	
Satiny	75.00
1943 MS-63 \$27; MS-63 FSB \$35; MS-65 \$75;	
MS-65 FSB	129.00
1943-D MS-63 \$22; MS-63 FSB \$35; MS-64 \$47;	
MS-65 \$59; MS-65 FSB	110.00
1943-S MS-63 \$27; MS-65 \$59; MS-65 FSB	
Sure to please	195.00
1944 MS-63 \$23; MS-65	75.00
1944-D MS-63 \$21; MS-63 FSB \$35; MS-65 FSB	
Popular issue	99.00
1944-S MS-63 \$26; MS-63 FSB \$35; MS-64 \$42;	
MS-65	49.00
1945 MS-63	19.00
1945-D MS-60 \$13; MS-63 \$19; MS-63 FSB	
Fully lustrous	35.00
1945-S MS-63	22.00

## 20-Cent Pieces

1875 G-4 \$60; AU-50. Reflective surfaces with medium gray and light blue toning \$52;	
AU-55. Champagne toning	595.00
1875-CC G-4 \$50; AU-55. Pleasing satiny lustre with light iridescent toning. Some weakness in strike	455.00
1875-S EF-40. An original piece with orange and sky blue toning \$325; EF-45. Traces of mint lustre in protected areas. Mottled toning \$385;	
AU-50. Sharply struck with iridescent toning \$450; AU-55. Fully lustrous with golden brown toning \$550; MS-60. Exceedingly well struck. Toned violet and brown near the peripheries	895.00
1878 <b>Proof-62</b> (NGC). Razor-sharp strike. Frosty devices surrounded by reflective surfaces with some light toning \$3,450;	

**Proof-64.** Extremely sharply struck with golden, pale blue, light gray, and auburn toning over deep mirrored surfaces. Free of detracting hairlines quite often encountered on Proof coinage

\$5,850.00

## Quarter Dollars

### DRAPED BUST TYPE

1805 Browning-4. G-4. Nice device still visible. A pleasing, attractive piece with medium gray, blue, and gold toning

209.00

### CAPPED BUST TYPE

1818 VG-8. Light gray surfaces	75.00
1819 Small 9. VG-8. Gunmetal blue and gray surfaces	69.00
1821 VG-8. Mottled iridescent toning	69.00
1828 Browning-1 EF-45. Pleasing original lustre in protected areas. Toned an attractive gold and maroon	595.00
1831 EF-40. Well struck	215.00
1834 EF-40. Mostly brilliant with a whisper of peripheral toning \$295; EF-45. Beautiful original piece with attractive pastel toning \$325;	
AU-55. Fully lustrous with attractive blue and champagne toning near the peripheries. A few small marks are noted on Miss Liberty's cheek	695.00



### LIBERTY SEATED TYPE

1840-O. No Drapery. MS-61. (NGC) A very scarce issue especially in this superb state of preservation. This coin is sharply struck and surrounded by gorgeous satiny surfaces toned light gold	2,495.00
1841 F12	105.00
1843-O F12. Pale gray surfaces	49.00
1847-O F12	59.00
1848 F15. Rose and sky blue toning	69.00
1853 Arrows and Rays MS-60. Popular issue among collectors. Lustrous with light toning	995.00
1854 Arrows EF-40. Lustrous with light toning \$59; EF-45. Light toning	179.00
1856 VF-20	59.00
1859-O F15. Original toning \$50; MS-60. A exceedingly scarce issue in Uncirculated condition. Very sharply struck. Light golden and amber toning at the centers with electric blue peripheral toning	1,195.00
1861 AU-50. Very sharply struck with deep heath-er and gunmetal blue toning. Very nice eye appeal	175.00
1863 EF-45. Golden and gray toning	135.00
1864 F12. Deep toning \$95; VF-30. A pleasing problem-free piece with gorgeous iridescent toning	159.00

1866-S With Motto. EF-45. Pleasing pearl gray surfaces complemented by original mint lustre. Very scarce with a mintage of only 28,000 pieces	775.00
1868-S F12	99.00
1875-CC F12. Original toning \$129; VF-30. Nice detail remains on central devices	189.00
1876 AU-55. An extremely attractive piece with gorgeous fiery golden orange toning and heavily frosted devices \$195; MS-63. An outstanding fully lustrous piece with beautiful amber toning. Exceedingly sharply struck and virtually mark free	1,495.00
1876-CC MS-60. Brilliant with highly reflective, prooflike surfaces. Well struck	525.00
1877 MS-63/64. A pleasing piece with mottled gold and lilac toning surrounded by semi-prooflike surfaces. Nice strike	1,750.00
1877-CC AU-58. Brilliant and lustrous \$495; MS-60. Well struck and exhibiting full mint lustre \$695; MS-62. (NGC). Frosty central devices surrounded by satiny surfaces toned pale orange around the edges. Interesting reverse die cracks	895.00
1883 MS-64. (NGC). Breath-takingly beautiful piece with electric blue, violet, rose, and golden orange toning. Sharply struck. Superb quality	2,650.00
1886 <b>Proof-60 to 63</b> . Frosty devices and highly reflective surfaces	750.00
1891 EF-40. Last year of issue	79.00

### BARBER TYPE

1892 AU-55	185.00
1893-O MS-60/63 \$395; MS-63. Lustrous with light toning	750.00
1893-S AU-50. Brilliant with traces of mint frost in protected areas	175.00
1895-O MS-60/63. Subdued natural mint frost and lustre. Nice eye appeal	425.00
1900-S AU-55. Brilliant	185.00
1901 MS-63. Sharply struck with attractive iridescent toning	750.00
1902 AU 50 \$149; AU-55	185.00
1903 AU-55. Golden orange toning	185.00
1904 AU-55	185.00
1904-O AU-55. An original, fully lustrous piece with gorgeous iridescent toning. Quite sharply struck. This is a scarce and popular issue in the series	395.00
1907-S EF-40. Scratch on Liberty's chin	35.00
1908 AU-55. Pleasing satiny lustre	185.00
1908-O MS-63. Pleasing mint frost and brilliance	750.00
1910-D MS-63. (NGC). Very sharply struck with gorgeous satiny surfaces complemented by a trace of pastel toning	750.00
1912 EF-40 \$89; AU-55	185.00
1914-D MS-63. Mostly brilliant with a little light toning on the reverse. Pleasing satiny surfaces	750.00
1915 AU-55. Highly reflective surfaces \$185; MS-63. Well struck and frosty with a trace of light toning \$750; <b>Proof-63</b> (NGC). Outstanding eye appeal. This piece has a razor-sharp strike, deep mirrored surfaces, and exceptionally attractive maroon and golden orange toning	1,250.00
1915-D AU-55. Satiny surfaces	185.00



1916 Barber. AU-55 . . . . .	185.00
1916-D AU-55. Lightly toned . . . . .	185.00

## STANDING LIBERTY TYPE

<b>1917 Type I.</b> EF-45 \$110, AU-50 \$149, AU-58. Lustrous with light golden toning \$199; MS-60 Full Head. Tiny rim cut . . . . .	250.00
<b>1917-D Type I.</b> EF-45. Gorgeous rose and pale orange toning . . . . .	179.00
<b>1917 Type II.</b> EF-40 \$59; MS-60 \$215; MS-63. Attractive . . . . .	395.00
<b>1917-D Type II.</b> AU-58. Brilliant with original mint lustre . . . . .	195.00
<b>1917-S Type II.</b> MS-60. Satiny lustre . . . . .	259.00
<b>1918 EF-45 \$55; AU-50.</b> Lustrous with nearly full head . . . . .	65.00
<b>1918-S AU-55.</b> . . . . .	99.00
<b>1919 AU-50.</b> . . . . .	129.00
<b>1919-S VF-30.</b> Elusive issue . . . . .	125.00
<b>1921 EF-45.</b> Brilliant. Very scarce . . . . .	249.00
<b>1923 MS-60</b> . . . . .	159.00
<b>1924 EF-40</b> . . . . .	39.00
<b>1925 EF-45 \$45; MS-60</b> . . . . .	199.00
<b>1926 AU-50 \$59; MS-60 \$189; MS-63.</b> Lovely. Mottled light amber toning . . . . .	349.00
<b>1926-D MS-63.</b> Satinlike lustre . . . . .	349.00
<b>1927 EF-45 \$45; MS-63</b> . . . . .	349.00
<b>1927-S F12.</b> Light rose toning . . . . .	59.00
<b>1928 MS-63</b> . . . . .	349.00
<b>1928-D MS-63</b> . . . . .	359.00
<b>1928-S EF-40 \$39; MS-60 \$199; MS-65 (NGC).</b> Well struck and fully lustrous with mottled iridescent toning . . . . .	1195.00
<b>1929 EF-45 \$45; MS-63 \$349; MS-61.</b> Full Head. Satiny lustre with mottled toning . . . . .	379.00
<b>1929-D EF-40 \$45; EF-45 \$55; MS-60.</b> Lustrous with light champagne toning . . . . .	189.00
<b>1929-S AU-50.</b> Pleasing original lustre with light pastel toning . . . . .	99.00
<b>1930 EF-40 \$39; EF-45 \$45; MS-60 \$189; MS-63.</b> Full Head. Brilliant and lustrous . . . . .	379.00
<b>1930-S MS-63</b> . . . . .	349.00

## WASHINGTON TYPE

<b>1932 MS-60 \$35; MS-63 \$89; MS-64 \$129; MS-65.</b> Superb full mint frost and satiny surfaces . . . . .	495.00
<b>1932-D MS-63.</b> Lustrous and sharply struck. Popular issue . . . . .	825.00
<b>1934 Light Motto.</b> MS-63. Toned . . . . .	69.00
<b>1934 Heavy Motto.</b> MS-63. Toned . . . . .	49.00
<b>1936 Proof-63.</b> Highly reflective surfaces complemented by iridescent hues . . . . .	550.00
<b>1936-S MS-63 \$149; MS-64.</b> Pleasing frosty lustre \$259; MS-65. Frosty devices . . . . .	525.00
<b>1937 MS-63 \$45; Proof-63.</b> Well struck with pale orange toning around the periphery \$239; MS-65. Full mint brilliance . . . . .	169.00
<b>1937-D MS-65.</b> Full mint frost complemented by satiny surfaces . . . . .	425.00
<b>1937-S MS-63 \$175; MS-65.</b> Full mint brilliance. Elusive . . . . .	895.00
<b>1938 Proof-63.</b> Highly reflective surfaces with original golden toning . . . . .	475.00
<b>1938-S MS-65.</b> Satiny lustre . . . . .	495.00
<b>1939 MS-63.</b> Mottled toning \$21; MS-65. Blazing full mint brilliance and lustre . . . . .	60.00
<b>1939-D MS-63 \$59; MS-65.</b> Lustrous . . . . .	295.00

<b>1939-S MS-65.</b> Lustrous . . . . .	450.00
<b>1940 Proof-65.</b> Deep mirrored surfaces with gold toning . . . . .	215.00
<b>1940-S MS-63 \$32; MS-65</b> . . . . .	79.00
<b>1941 MS-63 \$15; MS-65 \$25; Proof-65</b> . . . . .	215.00
<b>1941-D MS-65</b> . . . . .	69.00
<b>1941-S MS-63 \$27; MS-65.</b> Frosty . . . . .	79.00
<b>1942 MS-63 \$12; Proof-65.</b> Brilliant . . . . .	205.00
<b>1942-D MS-63</b> . . . . .	16.00
<b>1942-S MS-63</b> . . . . .	85.00
<b>1943 MS-63 \$12; MS-65</b> . . . . .	25.00
<b>1944 MS-63</b> . . . . .	9.00
<b>1944-D MS-63 \$21; MS-65</b> . . . . .	45.00
<b>1944-S MS-63 \$24; MS-65</b> . . . . .	39.00
<b>1945 MS-63</b> . . . . .	9.00
<b>1945-D MS-63</b> . . . . .	10.00
<b>1945-S MS-63</b> . . . . .	12.00
<b>1946 MS-63 \$8; MS-65</b> . . . . .	13.00
<b>1946-D MS-63</b> . . . . .	9.00
<b>1946-S MS-63</b> . . . . .	12.00
<b>1947 MS-63 \$9; MS-65</b> . . . . .	19.00
<b>1947-D MS-63</b> . . . . .	10.00
<b>1947-S MS-63 \$12; MS-65</b> . . . . .	24.00
<b>1948 MS-63</b> . . . . .	8.00
<b>1948-D MS-63</b> . . . . .	9.00
<b>1948-S MS-63 \$13; MS-65</b> . . . . .	27.00
<b>1949 MS-63</b> . . . . .	25.00
<b>1949-D MS-63 \$13; MS-65</b> . . . . .	27.00
<b>1950 MS-65</b> . . . . .	13.00
<b>1950-D MS-63 \$7; MS-65</b> . . . . .	16.00
<b>1950-S MS-63</b> . . . . .	14.00



1951-S MS-63 . . . . .	12.00
1953-D MS-63 . . . . .	6.00

## Half Dollars

## FLOWING HAIR TYPE

<b>1795 AG-3.</b> Variety with two leaves under each wing. Medium gray planchet \$279; VG-8. Holed and plugged. Toned in rose iridescence \$195; VG-8. Popular issue for an early type set. The planchet is remarkably free of detracting marks and is very well preserved. The obverse is pale gray overall with slightly darker toning around the periphery. The reverse is pleasing pearl gray with attractive light rose highlights . . . . .	550.00
<b>1795 EF-40.</b> Overton-105. A few well hidden adjustment marks are noted in Liberty's hair. The surfaces are very attractively toned silver gray with a whisper of champagne iridescence. Free of detracting rim nicks or marks. Nice central device definition . . . . .	2,350.00
<b>1806 Pointed 6.</b> VF-30. O-116. Lustrous with beautiful mint green, sky blue, and medium gray toning. Very attractive \$425; VF-30. O-118A. R-3. Sharply struck with pleasing heather, rose, and pale gray iridescence over lustrous, problem-free surfaces \$425; EF-40. Pleasing warm gray surfaces with hints of	

original rose (none rose) on obverse. An interesting observation: the crack connects the bottom of the mountain in the date and the last three strokes of the ten. A small rim ding is noted at 8 o'clock on the obverse \$605; EF-45. Lustrous. Toned blue, orange and gold around the periphery. Sharply struck with wear visible on only the highest points . . . . .

<b>1807 VF-30.</b> Two thin scratches are noted on the obverse for individual purposes. Well struck with a pleasing medium gray planchet \$425; EF-40. Brilliant at the centers with gorgeous deep iridescent peripheral toning. There is some evidence of light die clashing above the date . . . . .	695.00
<b>1811 Small 8.</b> EF-45. Sharply struck. Frosty surfaces with charcoal gray and pale orange toning . . . . .	225.00
<b>1812 MS-60/63.</b> A well struck, lustrous piece with lilac toning . . . . .	395.00
<b>1813 AU-50.</b> Original mint lustre visible beneath mottled toning. A small rim mark is noted under the second 1 in the date . . . . .	395.00
<b>1822 EF-40.</b> Toned . . . . .	135.00
<b>1824 VF-30.</b> . . . . .	89.00
<b>1825 VF-30.</b> Toned . . . . .	89.00
<b>1826 VF-30.</b> Very nice detail still visible. Gunmetal blue and gray surfaces . . . . .	89.00
<b>1827 Square 2.</b> EF-40. Light gray planchet with traces of iridescent toning . . . . .	135.00
<b>1827 EF-45.</b> Lustrous. Pleasing pearl gray surfaces with light golden toning . . . . .	165.00
<b>1828 EF-40.</b> Square Base 2, Small 8, Large Letters. Toned \$135; EF-45. Square Base 2, Small 8, Large Letters. Sharply struck \$165; EF-45. Square Base 2, Large 8, Large Letters. Lustrous and sharply struck . . . . .	165.00
<b>1829 VF-30 \$89; EF-40</b> . . . . .	135.00
<b>1830 EF-45.</b> Pleasing golden orange toning \$165; MS-60. A gorgeous piece with outstanding eye appeal. Attractively toned sky blue, fiery orange, gold and soft gray. Very sharply struck. A tiny mark is noted on Liberty's cheek . . . . .	895.00
<b>1831 MS-63.</b> Satiny lustre toned rose and pale orange. Superb strike . . . . .	1,895.00
<b>1832 EF-40.</b> Frosty and well struck \$135; EF-45. Mottled gold and tan toning \$165; MS-62 (NGC). Exceptionally well struck and extremely attractive. Full original lustre with light peripheral toning . . . . .	1,595.00
<b>1833 EF-40.</b> Brilliant \$135; EF-45 . . . . .	165.00
<b>1834 Large Date, Large Letters.</b> EF-40 \$135; EF-45 \$165; AU-55. Attractive, with full original mint lustre highlighted by pleasing pastel toning . . . . .	495.00
<b>1834 Large Date, Small Letters.</b> EF-40 . . . . .	135.00
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<b>1835 EF-40 \$135; AU-50.</b> Frosty devices and light iridescent toning . . . . .	325.00
<b>1836 Lettered Edge.</b> EF-45. Medium gray with golden highlights . . . . .	165.00

## CAPPED BUST REEDED EDGE TYPE

<b>1837 Reeded Edge.</b> AU-50. Lustrous with pleasing golden toning. Sharply struck; AU-55. Mostly brilliant with a trace of golden and rose toning. Problem-free planchet and	
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- frosty devices \$695; **MS-60**. Razor-sharp strike enhanced by frosty devices and satiny surfaces toned in iridescent hues ..... \$950.00
- 1838 Reeded Edge. F12. Electric blue and pale gray surfaces \$59; VF-30. Mostly brilliant with a whisper of light orange peripheral toning. Attractive and problem-free ..... \$129.00
- 1839 **Capped Bust. MS-60**. Quite sharply struck with gorgeous satiny surfaces toned in silver gray iridescence ..... \$895.00
- 1839-O **Capped Bust. VF-30**. Elusive. Pleasing gunmetal blue and golden-orange toning. Very scarce and popular ..... \$395.00

## LIBERTY SEATED TYPE

- 1839 **No Drapery. EF-40 \$595; EF-45**. Well struck with pleasing charcoal gray and gold toning ..... \$695.00
- 1839 **Drapery. AU-58 (NGC)**. Frosty and sharply struck. Attractively toned pearl gray and gold ..... \$650.00
- 1840 **Small Letters. VF-30 \$149; AU-58 (NGC)**. Satiny lustre toned in violet, heather, amber, electric blue, and golden hues \$650; **MS-63 (NGC)**. Exceptional strike. Outstanding satinklike lustre. Brilliant at the centers with gorgeous, deep iridescent peripheral toning ..... \$1,395.00
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- 1842 **Small Date. AU-50**. Attractive pale iridescent toning. Well struck ..... \$295.00
- 1842 **Medium Date. EF-40 \$139; EF-45**. Recut 842 in date. Lustrous ..... \$229.00
- 1842-O **Small Date. G-4**. Bold date and mintmark \$625; **VG-8**. Rare and in constant demand by collectors. Sharp details. Nice gunmetal blue surfaces with a trace of orange toning around the devices ..... \$950.00
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- 1845 **AU-55**. Sharply struck with heavily frosted devices surrounded by reflective surfaces. Scarce and underrated ..... \$359.00
- 1845-O **VF-8 \$29; VF-30**. Conservatively graded. Nice strike and toning ..... \$95.00
- 1846 **Tall Date. AU-50**. Brilliant at the centers with light peripheral toning ..... \$199.00
- 1846-O **Medium Date. VF-30 \$89; EF-45**. Attractive with frosty lustre ..... \$159.00
- 1847-O **VG-8** ..... \$29.00
- 1848 **EF-45**. Repunched numeral 4 variety. One of the better dates in the series. Pale gray surfaces with light pastel toning ..... \$389.00
- 1848-O **VF-30**. Pleasing golden and pale gray surfaces \$95; **EF-45**. Sharp strike \$159; **AU-50**. Lustrous and frosty with attractive pale orange peripheral toning. A small rim bump is noted at 9 o'clock on the reverse ..... \$199.00
- 1849-O **EF-40**. Gorgeous mint frost with outstanding blue toning \$149; **AU-50**. Sharply struck. Lustrous surfaces with light champagne toning ..... \$229.00
- 1850-O **AU-50** ..... \$225.00
- 1852 **MS-60 to 63**. Very well struck. Heavily frosted devices surrounded by satinklike surfaces toned pleasing pale orange, sky blue,

- lilac, and violet. A small mark on Liberty's left arm and in the drapery near her feet is noted ..... \$1,595.00
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- 1853-O **Arrows and Rays. EF-40**. Popular with collectors as the only branch mint Arrows and Rays half dollar minted ..... \$295.00
- 1854 **Arrows. AU-55**. Full original mint lustre and frost with a whisper of lilac and champagne toning \$695; **MS-60**. A gorgeous piece with satiny surfaces toned sky blue, violet and gold. Free of detracting bagmarks ..... \$1,295.00
- 1854-O **Arrows. AU-50**. Brilliant \$395; **AU-55**. Fully lustrous ..... \$695.00
- 1855-O **Arrows. AU-50**. Well struck 395.00
- 1856 **EF-45**. Pleasing pearl gray surfaces ..... \$149.00
- 1856-O **AU-50**. Toned \$239; **AU-50**. Recut date \$239; **AU-55**. Recut date. Frosty and lustrous. Well struck ..... \$325.00
- 1857 **AU-50 \$239; AU-55**. Blazing brilliance. Exceedingly sharply struck \$325; **MS-61 (PCGS)**. Subdued natural mint frost toned in pastel iridescence ..... \$795.00



- 1857-O **AU-55**. A pleasing, lustrous and sharply struck example of the issue ..... \$325.00
- 1858 **AU-50**. Frosty devices \$239; **AU-55**. Sharply struck with deep iridescent toning \$325; **AU-58**. Attractive sky blue and golden orange toning. Razor-sharp strike ..... \$475.00
- 1858-O **EF-45**. Pleasing iridescent toning. A fairly noticeable scratch is on the shield on the obverse \$129; **AU-50**. Frosty ..... \$239.00
- 1858-S **EF-40**. An original piece with pleasing gray toning. A better date ..... \$259.00
- 1859 **EF-45 \$199; AU-50**. Highly reflective surfaces surround heavily frosted devices. A small reverse defect is noted above the eagle's beak \$395; **AU-55**. Silver gray surfaces with iridescent peripheral toning \$459; **MS-60**. Blazing original mint brilliance and frost with just a whisper of lilac toning around the periphery. Exceedingly sharply struck. A scarce and desirable issue in the Liberty Seated half dollar series ..... \$650.00
- 1859-O **AU-50 \$239; AU-55**. Gorgeous satiny surfaces, attractively toned ..... \$259.00
- 1860 **AU-50**. Sharply struck with frosty devices \$495; **MS-63 (NGC)**. Gorgeous full mint frost highlighted by deep maroon and gold toning. Breathtaking beauty! ..... \$1,895.00
- 1860-O **AU-55**. Well struck. Toned ..... \$325.00
- 1860-S **G-4**. Scarce issue ..... \$25.00

- 1861 **AU-58**. Magnificent razor-sharp strike, satiny surfaces, fully frosty devices and original iridescent toning ..... \$349.00
- 1861-O **AU-55 \$325; MS-63 (NGC)**. Deep mottled amber and gold toning over lustrous surfaces. Sharp strike ..... \$1,495.00
- 1862 **VF-30**. Scarce ..... \$139.00
- 1863-S **AU-50**. Subdued natural mint frost lightly toned \$239; **AU-55**. Lustrous ..... \$325.00
- 1864 **AU-50**. Light toning ..... \$259.00
- 1864-S **AU-50**. Full mint frost and lustre \$259; **AU-55**. Subdued full mint frost. Very sharp strike ..... \$375.00
- 1866 **With Motto. EF-45**. Reflective surfaces toned violet and electric blue ..... \$169.00
- 1866-S **No Motto. AG-3**. Exceedingly scarce. Just 60,000 pieces struck ..... \$39.00
- 1867 **EF-40**. Blue and orange toning ..... \$99.00
- 1868 **EF-45**. Scarce date. Frosty ..... \$269.00
- 1868-S **VG-8 \$29; VF-30** ..... \$95.00
- 1869 **AU-55**. Violet and heather toning highlight frosty and well struck devices ..... \$325.00
- 1870 **EF-40** ..... \$169.00
- 1871 **MS-62 (NGC)**. superb strike. Full mint lustre toned in iridescent hues ..... \$995.00
- 1871-CC **AG-3/VG-8**. Quite scarce. Scratches noted in the obverse field ..... \$159.00
- 1872-S **EF-40**. An elusive issue ..... \$269.00
- 1873 **No Arrows. VF-30**. Traces of frosty lustre on the devices. Pale orange toning around the peripheries ..... \$129.00
- 1873-CC **No Arrows. F12**. Sharp date and mintmark. Light gray planchet with pale iridescent peripheral toning ..... \$279.00
- 1873-CC **With Arrows. VG-8**. Pleasing medium gray, problem-free planchet with attractive golden highlights ..... \$149.00
- 1873-S **With Arrows. G-4** ..... \$59.00
- 1874 **Arrows. G-4/VG-8 \$22; VF-30**. Light iridescent toning \$79; **EF-40**. Popular issue. Pleasing pearl gray toning ..... \$275.00
- 1874-CC **With Arrows. G-4**. Just 59,000 pieces were minted, and only a fraction of this number exist today. Medium charcoal gray with highlights of rose toning ..... \$239.00
- 1874-S **With Arrows. VG-8**. Toned ..... \$59.00
- 1875 **EF-40 \$99; AU-50**. Two small obverse rim bumps \$259; **MS-63 (NGC)**. Subdued mint frost, nice toning. Well struck ..... \$1,495.00
- 1875-S **AU-55**. Pleasing satiny lustre ..... \$325.00
- 1876 **VG-8** ..... \$21.00
- 1876-CC **VF-20** ..... \$89.00
- 1876-S **MS-63 (PCGS)**. Blazing mint frost and lustre. Superb strike ..... \$1,495.00
- 1877 **G-4 \$15; MS-60**. Beautiful heavy mint frost and satinklike surface \$650; **MS-63 (NGC)**. Deep mirrored surface toned fiery orange around the periphery ..... \$1,495.00
- 1877 **MS-63**. Struck about 10% off center. A gorgeous piece with light champagne and orange toning. Sharply struck ..... \$2,900.00
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- 1877-S **G-4** ..... \$15.00
- 1878 **AU-55**. Scratches are noted in the right obverse field \$169; **AU-58**. Outstanding eye appeal. A breathtakingly beautiful coin which exhibits full mint frost and lustre ..... \$415.00



- 1878-CC AG-3. Just €2,000 pieces were minted. Sharp date and mintmark ..... 209.00
- 1880 MS-62 (NGC).** Deep mirrorlike surfaces are fully radiant and surround very frosty devices. A whisper of champagne toning around the periphery ..... 1,395.00
- 1884 VG-8.** Light gray planchet. Small rim issue at 7:00 on the reverse. Exceedingly scarce issue with 5,275 pieces struck ..... 259.00
- 1885 VG-8.** A beautiful piece with pleasing pearl gray surfaces toned light orange and rose. Another scarce issue with a total mintage of just 6,130 pieces ..... 259.00
- 1889 MS-63 (NGC).** Radiant with light peripheral toning. Sharp strike ..... 2,150.00
- 1890 AU-50.** Subdued natural mint frost toned gold and green. Elusive issue ..... 495.00

## BARBER HALF DOLLARS

- 1892 EF-40 \$195.** AU-55. Well struck. Popular first-year of issue ..... 495.00
- 1892-O AU-55.** Brilliant \$595; MS-62 (NGC). Exceptional satiny lustre. Scarce ..... 1,650.00
- 1892-S MS-60.** Frosty and exceedingly sharply struck. Elusive in Mint State ..... 995.00
- 1893 EF-45** ..... 250.00
- 1893-O AU-55.** Mottled toning ..... 495.00
- 1893-S MS-60.** Subdued natural mint frost with a whisper of light champagne toning. Extremely sharply struck ..... 995.00
- 1894 AU-55 \$495.** MS-63 (NGC). Superb quality. Blazing brilliance ..... 1,650.00
- 1894-O AU-55.** Lustrous and sharply struck with a tinge of light champagne toning \$525. MS-60. Gorgeous satiny lustre and sharp strike. Light peripheral toning ..... 1,150.00
- 1895 AU-50** ..... 995.00
- 1895-O MS-60.** Blazing brilliance ..... 1,150.00
- 1896 AU-55.** Subdued mint frost \$495. AU-55 (NGC). Brilliant and frosty ..... 525.00
- 1896-O MS-63 (NGC).** Outstanding! Razor-sharp strike. Superb eye appeal. Satinlike surfaces toned in iridescent hues ..... 2,650.00
- 1897 MS-62 (NGC).** Frosty and lustrous \$1,295; Proof-64 (NGC). Superb contrast between deep mirrored surfaces and sharply struck frosty devices ..... 1,995.00
- 1897-S MS-64 (NGC).** A pleasing, fully lustrous piece with beautiful original toning. Needle-sharp strike ..... 4,250.00
- 1898 AU-55.** Well struck. Lustrous ..... 495.00
- 1898-S AU-55** ..... 495.00
- 1899 MS-60.** Sharply struck ..... 695.00
- 1899-S MS-61 (NGC).** Subdued mint frost. Fully lustrous ..... 795.00
- 1900 MS-60.** Mostly brilliant with just a tinge of light toning ..... 695.00
- 1900-S EF-45.** Toned \$250. AU-50. Mostly brilliant with light peripheral toning ..... 395.00
- 1901 MS-60.** Brilliant and frosty ..... 695.00
- 1901-O EF-45.** Small reverse rim nick ..... 295.00
- 1902 EF-40 \$195.** AU-50. Highly reflective surfaces toned blue and orange ..... 395.00
- 1902-O AU-63.** Brilliant ..... 295.00
- 1903-O MS-63.** A breathtakingly beautiful example with highly reflective and very satiny surfaces highlighted with a trace of soft golden orange toning ..... 1,650.00

- 1904 AU-50.** Lustrous, with some minor reverse scratches ..... 315.00
- 1905 MS-60 \$695.** MS-62 (NGC). Exquisite eye appeal. Spectacular rainbow toning \$1,295; Proof-62 (NGC). Highly reflective surfaces toned attractive seagreen, electric blue, gold, and violet ..... 950.00
- 1906 AU-55.** \$495; MS-60. Frosty ..... 695.00
- 1906-D AU-55** ..... 495.00
- 1907 EF-45.** Pearl gray hues \$250. AU-50 \$395; MS-64 (NGC). Dark amber and golden orange toning. Nice quality ..... 2,975.00
- 1907-D EF-45** ..... 250.00
- 1907-O AU-55.** Beautiful satiny surfaces. Nice eye appeal ..... 495.00
- 1908 Proof-60 (NGC).** Brilliant ..... 550.00
- 1908-D EF-45.** Light gray toning \$250. AU-50. Fully lustrous with light champagne toning. Quite attractive ..... 395.00
- 1908-O AU-50.** Mostly brilliant ..... 395.00
- 1909-O F-15.** Rose and orange toning ..... 35.00
- 1910 MS-61 (NGC).** Satiny lustre ..... 795.00
- 1911 AU-50.** Overbore toning ..... 395.00
- 1912 EF-45.** Charcoal gray toning \$250. AU-55. Gorgeous full original mint lustre and frost highlighted by champagne toning ..... 495.00
- 1912-D EF-45.** Gold and light tan toning \$250. AU-55. Frosty lustre ..... 495.00
- 1913-D MS-60.** Breathtakingly beautiful satinlike surfaces with original golden toning \$695; MS-63 (NGC). Satiny lustre toned in rose, gold, and light brown hues ..... 1,650.00



- 1915-D EF-45.** Pearl gray surfaces \$250. AU-50. Deep mottled iridescent toning \$395; MS-62 (NGC). Exceptional satiny lustre toned in soft pastel hues ..... 1,450.00

## WALKING LIBERTY HALF DOLLARS

- 1916-D** Mintmark on Obverse. AU-55 ..... 249.00
- 1916-S** Mintmark on Obverse. EF-40. A problem-free piece with attractive toning ..... 355.00
- 1917 AU-50.** A beautifully toned piece in deep lilac, electric blue and golden orange hues. Well struck. Mark-free planchet ..... 72.00
- 1917-D Mintmark on Obverse.** MS-63 (NGC). Full original mint lustre complemented by light rose highlights ..... 1,195.00
- 1918-D VF-20** ..... 59.00
- 1920 MS-63.** Sharply struck and fully lustrous with traces of lilac toning ..... 595.00
- 1920-D MS-64.** A gorgeous fully brilliant, frosty and lustrous piece. Very, very elusive in this superb state of preservation ..... 2,350.00
- 1921-D VG-8.** A key date in the series ..... 99.00
- 1935 MS-60.** Brilliant \$89; MS-64 (NGC). A fully brilliant piece with a whisper of champagne iridescence ..... 295.00
- 1936 MS-60** ..... 79.00
- 1939-D AU-50.** Brilliant ..... 32.00
- 1941 AU-55** ..... 19.00

- 1941-D AU-55 \$250.** AU-58 \$399. MS-60 \$715. MS-63 (NGC). Blazing brilliance ..... 215.00
- 1941-S AU-50 \$69.** MS-60. Brilliant and lustrous \$249; MS-63. Brilliant and fully lustrous. The difficult issue to obtain in high Mint State preservation \$575; MS-64. Gorgeous satiny lustre and frost. Some light mottled russet toning on the reverse. Typical strike ..... 775.00
- 1942 AU-55 \$19.** MS-63. Satiny lustre toned leather \$149; MS-64. Frosty. Mottled toning \$225.00
- 1942-D MS-60.** Blazing brilliance ..... 89.00
- 1942-S MS-63 \$125.** MS-64 (PCGS). Brilliant. Full mint lustre ..... 515.00
- 1943 AU-55 \$19.** MS-60 \$69; MS-63 ..... 139.00
- 1943-D AU-50 \$18.** AU-58. Frosty \$59; MS-60. Brilliant ..... 99.00
- 1943-S MS-60.** Lustrous ..... 169.00
- 1944 AU-55 \$19.** MS-60 ..... 69.00
- 1944-D MS-63 \$239.** MS-64. Lustrous ..... 315.00
- 1944-S MS-60 \$89.** MS-63. A beautifully toned piece in shades of rose, pale gray, fiery orange, and light green ..... 215.00
- 1945 MS-60 \$59.** MS-63 \$149; MS-64. Gorgeous satiny surfaces \$195; MS-65 (PCGS). Sharp and fully lustrous ..... 395.00
- 1945-D MS-60.** Brilliant and lustrous \$79; MS-64. Well struck, with frosty surfaces ..... 275.00
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- 1946 MS-60.** Satiny lustre. Brilliant ..... 210.00
- 1946-D MS-60** ..... 90.00
- 1946-S MS-60** ..... 95.00
- 1947 MS-60 \$105.** MS-64. Frosty lustre ..... 249.00
- 1947-D MS-60** ..... 95.00

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- 1948 MS-63.** Very lustrous with a hint of golden toning ..... 29.00
- 1948-D MS-63.** Frosty and lustrous ..... 21.00
- 1949 MS-63.** Brilliant ..... 69.00
- 1949-D MS-63.** Mint brilliance and frost 69.00
- 1949-S MS-63.** The key date in the Franklin half dollar series. Gorgeous satiny surfaces 149.00
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- 1950-D MS-60 \$19.** MS-63 ..... 32.00
- 1951 MS-63.** Brilliant with satiny surfaces \$21; Proof-65 ..... 415.00
- 1951-D MS-63** ..... 45.00
- 1951-S MS-63.** Brilliant and frosty ..... 42.00
- 1952 Proof-65** ..... 295.00
- 1952-D MS-63** ..... 19.00
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## More Silver Coins—and Other Great Values

Here, right now in your hands, is Part II of our Special Silver Issue of the *Special Coin Letter*. As you can see, we offer many exciting silver dollar values, as well as a large offering of popular commemorative silver coins. Also featured is our "Spotlight On Kingswood," in which we tell you about one of our more popular holders, that featuring the new commemorative issues of 1936—from the time 52 years ago when commemoratives were the most exciting things in numismatics, and a dozen brand-new varieties appeared on the scene. Today, all of these are scarce, some are rare, and each is numismatically fascinating. We offer you the chance to buy one of these gold-imprinted, custom-crafted holders for just \$28.50, and, beyond that, we will help you put together a set of the 12 different varieties.

And now I direct your attention to something else: a few months ago in England there came on the auction market a hoard of Confederate States of America bonds which were purchased by European investors directly from the Confederate government during the Civil War in the 1860s. These bonds had been kept intact for well over a century, and appeared on the market as a fantastic grouping, a treasure from the past. From this spectacular hoard we offer five of the most popular design types. Each on its own will form an interesting and historical display, great for framing. And, if you want to buy all five, we offer you a special price. For more information regarding these exciting and historic Confederate bonds, turn to page six.

In each issue of the *Special Coin Letter* we endeavor to offer attractive, interesting, and competitively priced pieces. Remember each and every purchase is covered by our guarantee of satisfaction; you must be completely satisfied with ev-

ery aspect of each item, including appearance, aesthetic value, grade, you name it, or we will refund your money for any item returned within 30 days. Ever since 1953, and that's 35 years ago, we have been keeping collectors, museums, dealers, and other buyers happy. If you are an old-timer with us, you know the quality and value to expect. If this is your first *Special Coin Letter*, and you have not ordered from us, it's a great time to start! Let us know what you would like to buy, and you will be on your way to a new dimension of coin collecting enjoyment.

Our book listing in this issue is primarily devoted to silver coins. There is no substitute for knowledge, and the books we offer provide you with valuable information and, at the same time, are interesting to read—a really ideal combination! We offer you a 10% confidential discount on any order for books (but not other items in this listing) up to and including

\$100 at the retail listings, and a confidential 20% on any books totaling over \$100. So, send us an order for the books you want—and get set for some mighty fine reading!

Check this *Special Coin Letter* from front to back, then give us a call at our toll-free line, (800) 222-5993, or simply use the handy coupon on page eight. Frank Van Valen, Liz Arlin, Gail Watson—our Order Department—look forward to hearing from you. And, one more thing: thank you for all the business you have been sending our way. We have been as busy as the proverbial beavers!

Sincerely,

Tom Becker  
Senior Numismatist  
Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc.



## Silver Dollars

### DRAPED BUST TYPE

- 1797 10 x 6 Stars. VF-35. Bolender-3. Well centered on the planchet and sharply struck. Warm gray surfaces are toned in light rose and champagne iridescence. A few adjustment marks can be seen around the edge of the coin on the reverse from 6:00 to 8:00...2,995.00
- 1800 F-12. A pleasing, problem-free piece toned rose, electric blue, and light gray. Free of detracting digs and scratches...495.00
- 1802 VF-20. Light gray surfaces darken to medium gray and gunmetal blue at the peripheries. Well struck...725.00
- 1802 AU-50. B-6. This magnificent example of the issue is a piece for the connoisseur. The coin is remarkably well struck with full hair detail. The surfaces are mostly brilliant with just a whisper of golden toning. Quite difficult to obtain this nice...4,250.00

### GOBRECHT SILVER DOLLAR

- 1836 Gobrecht dollar. Proof-60. With C. Gobrecht F. on base. Free of the usual heavy hairlines seen on Proof-60 examples of this issue. The reflective surfaces are somewhat subdued due to original pastel toning. The central devices are exceedingly sharply struck and exhibit bold definition...7,950.00

### LIBERTY SEATED DOLLARS

- 1840 EF-40. Toned...395.00
- 1841 VF-30. A nice piece toned gray, gold and electric blue...295.00
- 1842 VF-20. Warm gray surfaces \$250; EF-40. Brilliant due to light cleaning \$295; EF-40. Light gray with traces of golden iridescence \$349; EF-45. Pleasing medium gray surfaces \$395; AU-55. Lustrous...695.00
- 1843 EF-45. Highly reflective surfaces toned sky-blue and heather \$395; AU-55. Frosty and lustrous, with much of the original mint lustre still evident. Attractively toned in champagne hues...695.00
- 1845 EF-45. Brilliant. Scarce issue...495.00
- 1846 EF-45. A well-struck, problem-free piece with pleasing silver gray surfaces \$495; AU-55. Well struck with gorgeous, heavily frosted devices and pleasing satiny surfaces. A tiny rim mark is noted at 5:00 on the reverse...695.00
- 1847 VF-30 \$295; EF-40. Attractively toned \$325; EF-45. Mostly brilliant with a whisper of peripheral toning. Nice strike \$395; AU-58 (NGC). Exceptional strike and lustre. Beautifully toned in iridescent hues...850.00
- 1853 MS-63/60. A magnificent example of this issue. The central devices are very heavily





Frank  
Van Valen

Imagine a 16-piece silver half dollar collection with mintage figures ranging from a low of 5,005 pieces to a high of just 81,826 coins. Then, for variety, add the Great Lakes and Tall Ships, America's greatest showman and "America's Troubadour." Blend in plenty of wildlife, including beavers, badgers, bears, and majestic eagles. And don't forget Liberty, Justice, Pilgrims, Indians, frontiersmen, and Civil War veterans, as well as distinguished U.S. Senators—including one who fought long and hard to keep from appearing on a coin!

What set of United States coins could possibly contain all this? The commemorative issues of 1936—the single most prolific year in the history of United States commemorative coinage. This fascinating group of coins can be assembled and displayed in our "Kingswood" holder KW-12. It's an attractive way to display a portion of your commemorative half dollar collection, or an interesting place to begin a collection of commemorative coins!



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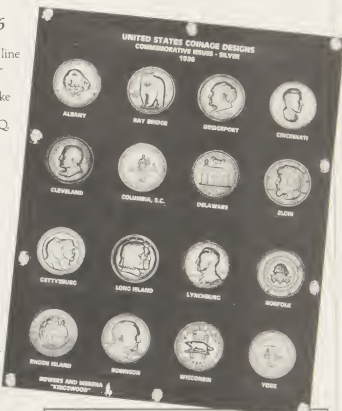
### Commemorative Issues of 1936

We are very proud of our "Kingswood" line of custom coin display holders and our customers are delighted with them. Time and time again a client will order one holder, like it, and then order a half dozen or more others! Each holder is custom-designed by Q David Bowers, Ray Merena, and Thomas Becker to showcase your coins to their finest beauty and advantage—and at the same time provide long-term, sturdy protection. Each holder is a convenient 8 x 10 inches in size and is made of three sheets of durable Lucite plastic. The center sheet is black, with stamped gold lettering. The outside two sheets are clear and are secured with convenient screws.

Right now, we are proud to feature our "Kingswood" holder KW-12, which is a part of our series of holders of United States commemorative coins. Titled "Commemorative Issues of 1936," this holder provides spaces for each new design created during that year. Included are such popular issues as the Bridgeport, Gettysburg, Long Island, and others from this famous year. A list is given to the right.

We offer you a custom-made "Kingswood" KW-12 holder for \$28.50. Once you see it and use it, we are sure coin collecting will take on a new dimension of beauty and appreciation for you! In fact, we guarantee it. If within 30 days of receipt you do not find that KW-12 is everything we say it is—and more—return it for an instant refund.

Let us help you find the coins to fill the holder! Some pieces you need are in this Special Coin Letter. Beyond that, our Want List Program, headed by Liz Arlin, can track down for you the needed pieces. Or, you may want to learn about our Collection Portfolio Program, directed by Frank Van Valen, which will help you complete, on a monthly basis, a collection of the coins needed for KW-12, or any other coin speciality of interest, from Morgan dollars to gold to colonials—you name it. Interested? Just fill out the coupon provided, drop it in the mail, and we'll send information to you. Or, when you telephone your order simply ask for Want List Program information or Collection Portfolio Program information, and we'll mail it to you right away.



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### "Kingswood" Holder KW-12 Commemorative Issues of 1936

This holder lists all new issues of the 1936 year—a fascinating display, and one which forms the starting point for many collectors. It contains:

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Yes, send me more information on how I can fill my "Kingswood" holder KW-12! I would like to know more about (check one or both):

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In particular, I am looking for the following items: \_\_\_\_\_

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frosted and are surrounded by pleasing satiny fields toned in light champagne iridescence. A strictly original example with an incredibly sharp strike. All of the hair detail is sharply defined, as well as all of the feathers in the eagle's wings and neck. Some light scattered bagmarks above the eagle's head on the reverse. A prize for the Liberty Seated dollar specialist. . . . 2,250.00



- 1855 AU-55. Brilliant with frosty devices. Just 26,000 pieces minted . . . 2,250.00  
 1859-O F-15 \$135; VF-20 \$250; VF-30 \$295; EF-45. Frosty central devices . . . 395.00  
 1860-O F-15 \$135; VF-20 \$295; EF-45 \$395; AU-55. Frosty, with reflective surfaces toned in pastel iridescence \$695; MS-60. Fully brilliant with heavily frosted devices . . . 850.00  
 1870 EF-45. A frosty piece displaying quite a bit of the original mint lustre. Nicely toned rose, heather, and white gold . . . 495.00  
 1871 VF-20 \$250; VF-30. Medium gray planchet with some light toning \$395; EF-45. Lustrous and lightly toned \$595; AU-50. Very attractive, with a very sharp strike, and beautifully toned in deep iridescent hues \$595; AU-55. Frosty central devices surrounded by pleasing silver gray surfaces . . . 695.00  
 1872 F-12 \$115; VF-20 \$250; VF-30 \$295; EF-40. Traces of original mint lustre in protected areas \$325; AU-55. An exceedingly sharply struck piece with heavily frosted surfaces and pleasing, problem-free satiny surfaces. Toned in lilac and golden iridescence . . . 695.00

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- 1878-S Halffeathers. MS-60. Frosty lustre with iridescent toning \$79; MS-63. (NGC). Lustrous with frosty central devices . . . 189.00  
 1878-S MS-60. Frosty \$59; MS-63. Attractive, with heavily frosted devices surrounded by reflective surfaces . . . 119.00  
 1879-CC MS-60/63. Perfect mintmark. A pleasing frosty piece highlighted by light violet peripheral toning. Well struck. An elusive and popular issue among collectors . . . 1,295.00  
 1879-S MS-63. Satiny lustre. Attractively toned sky-blue and heather \$105; MS-64. Frosty devices are surrounded by pleasing satiny surfaces. Nice eye appeal . . . 289.00  
 1880-CC MS-60. Gorgeous mint frost . . . 249.00

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- 1880-S MS-60 \$59; MS-63. Frosty with light peripheral toning \$105; MS-64. Outstanding satiny fields . . . 289.00  
 1881-CC MS-60. Popular and elusive issue. This coin is exceedingly sharply struck, has heavily frosted devices and is surrounded by pleasing satiny surfaces . . . 289.00  
 1881-S MS-60 \$55; MS-63 \$105; MS-64. Blazing mint brilliance . . . 239.00  
 1882-CC MS-60. Sharp and frosty . . . 149.00  
 1882-S MS-60. Lustrous . . . 59.00  
 1883 MS-60. Well struck . . . 59.00  
 1883-CC MS-60. Popular Carson City issue \$135; MS-60/63. Most would grade this MS-63 overall \$159; MS-63. Lustrous with traces of toning \$259; MS-64. (NGC). Proof-like. Needle-sharp strike . . . 495.00  
 1883-O MS-60 \$65; MS-63 \$105; MS-64. Brilliant and lustrous . . . 235.00  
 1883-S MS-60. Scarce issue. Frosty and lustrous with highly reflective surfaces . . . 475.00  
 1884 MS-60 . . . 59.00

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- 1884-CC MS-60 \$135; MS-60. Prooflike \$159; MS-63. Frosty devices surrounded by pleasing satiny surfaces . . . 259.00  
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 1885-CC MS-60 \$289; MS-63 . . . 450.00  
 1885-O MS-63 \$99; MS-64. Lustrous . . . 249.00  
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 1886 MS-60 \$59; MS-63 \$99; MS-64. Brilliant and satiny . . . 249.00  
 1886-O AU-55 . . . 59.00  
 1886-S MS-60. Elusive issue. Brilliant . . . 215.00  
 1887 MS-60 \$59; MS-63 \$99; MS-64. Blazing brilliance complemented by pleasing satiny surfaces . . . 249.00  
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 1888-O MS-63 . . . 59.00  
 1888-S MS-60. Brilliant, frosty, and lustrous. An elusive issue in the series . . . 225.00  
 1889 MS-60 \$59; MS-63 . . . 119.00  
 1889-S MS-60. Frosty \$169; MS-60. Prooflike reverse . . . 195.00  
 1890-CC AU-55 \$79; MS-60. Free of the normal heavy bagmarking found on MS-60 coins \$295; MS-63 . . . 495.00  
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 1892-CC MS-63. A fully lustrous and heavily frosted piece. A strictly original example with a ring of light pastel toning . . . 775.00  
 1892-O MS-60. Fully brilliant \$169; MS-63. (NGC). Pleasing satiny surfaces . . . 495.00  
 1893 AU-55 . . . 175.00



- 1893-CC MS-63 to 64. Just a few tiny marks away from full MS-64 condition overall. This coin is a gorgeous, strictly original example with outstanding satiny surfaces toned heather, lilac, rose and gold. Also adding to the overall eye appeal are the very heavily frosted central devices. An exceedingly elusive issue in this high state of preservation. In great demand by collectors and investors alike. A piece for the connoisseur . . . 3,795.00  
 1894 EF-45. Brilliant \$379; AU-55. Brilliant with frosty devices \$575; AU-50. Much original mint lustre remains. A nice example, sharply struck and frosty . . . 650.00  
 1895-S EF-40. Attractive pearl gray surfaces and a problem-free planchet . . . 415.00  
 1896 MS-60 . . . 59.00  
 1896-O AU-55 . . . 99.00



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**1894 EF-45. Brilliant \$379; AU-50.** Brilliant with frosty devices \$575; **AU-55.** Much original mint lustre remains. A nice example, sharply struck and frosty ..... \$650.00

**1895-S EF-40.** Attractive pearl gray surfaces and a problem-free planchet ..... \$415.00

**1896 MS-60** ..... \$59.00

**1896-O AU-55** ..... \$90.00

**1897-S MS-60.** Lustrous. Heavily toned. \$115.00

**1898 MS-60 \$59; MS-64.** Satiny lustre toned in iridescent hues ..... \$295.00

**1898-O MS-60 \$49; MS-63 \$119; MS-64.** Quite attractive ..... \$249.00

**1898-S MS-60/63.** Brilliant with reflective surfaces \$235; **MS-63.** Full mint brilliance. Sharply struck. An elusive issue ..... \$425.00

**1899 MS-63** ..... \$259.00

**1899-O MS-63 \$129; MS-64.** Pleasing satiny fields and nice eye appeal ..... \$325.00

**1899-S MS-60 \$185; MS-60/63 \$199; MS-63.** Brilliant and lustrous ..... \$395.00

**1900 AU-55 \$19; MS-60 \$59; MS-63** ..... \$119.00

**1900-O MS-60 \$59; MS-63** ..... \$119.00

**1900-S MS-60.** Reflective surfaces with light toning \$169; **MS-60/63 \$199; MS-63.** Subdued natural mint lustre and frost ..... \$395.00

**1901 AU-55.** Pleasing original mint lustre toned gold ..... \$155.00

**1901-O MS-60 \$59; MS-63** ..... \$119.00

**1901 MS-60 \$59; MS-63** ..... \$135.00

**1901-O MS-63 \$99; MS-64** ..... \$325.00

**1902-S MS-60.** Blazing brilliance \$225; **MS-63.** Sharply struck and lustrous ..... \$495.00

**1903 MS-60 \$89; MS-63.** Light lilac toning \$149; **MS-64.** Sharply struck with attractive satiny surfaces ..... \$425.00

**1903-O MS-63.** Attractively toned with light gold iridescence \$425; **MS-64.** Blazing natural mint brilliance and frost ..... \$595.00

**1904 Proof-62.** (NGC). Brilliant with mottled toning ..... \$1,490.00

**1904-O MS-60 \$69; MS-60/63 \$89; MS-63 \$99; MS-64.** (PCGS). Brilliant ..... \$289.00

**1904-S MS-63.** (PCGS). Brilliant and frosty. Very, very scarce ..... \$2,450.00

**1921 Morgan.** MS-63. Very sharply struck \$79; **MS-64.** Breathtakingly beautiful full mint lustre. Exceedingly sharply struck ..... \$299.00

**1921-D MS-63.** Lustrous with original iridescent toning ..... \$90.00

## PEACE DOLLARS

**1921 Peace.** MS-60. Spectacular satiny surfaces toned deep rose, heather, and fiery orange \$249; **MS-63.** Better than average strike. Fully lustrous with light golden toning ..... \$495.00

**1922 MS-63** ..... \$89.00

**1922-D AU-55 \$30; MS-63** ..... \$729.00

**1922-S AU-55.** Fully lustrous \$30; **MS-63.** Sharply struck and brilliant ..... \$195.00

**1923 MS-63 \$89; MS-64.** Exceptional eye appeal! Full mint brilliance and lustre ..... \$339.00

**1923-D MS-63.** Well struck, lustrous ..... \$159.00

**1923-S AU-55** ..... \$30.00

**1924-S AU-55** ..... \$55.00

**1925 AU-55** ..... \$19.00

**1926 MS-60 \$79; MS-63 \$139; MS-64.** Fully brilliant, sharply struck and lustrous ..... \$595.00

**1926-D AU-55 \$46; MS-63 \$229; MS-64.** Razor-sharp strike with beautiful satiny surfaces toned in champagne iridescence ..... \$615.00

**1927 MS-63.** Brilliant ..... \$299.00

**1927-D AU-55.** Better date ..... \$90.00

**1928 MS-60** ..... \$249.00

**1934 MS-63.** Sharply struck ..... \$289.00

**1934-S MS-60.** A brilliant example of this key issue. Some weakness in strike in the hair detail. Lustrous ..... \$1,450.00

**1935 MS-63.** Gash in the eagle's tailfeathers on the reverse \$89; **MS-64.** Gorgeous frosty lustre and exceedingly sharp strike. Elusive in this high state of preservation ..... \$650.00

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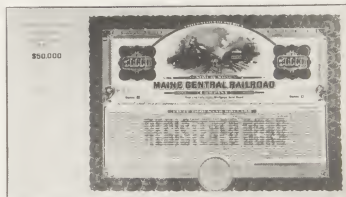
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### Issue of 1872. Type with no printed bond value.

- |                      |                         |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1) 4% bond, brown    | 3) 5% bond, light brown |
| 2) 4.5% bond, orange | 4) 7% bond, green       |

### 1915 Issue mortgage gold bonds—payable in gold coins!

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 5) \$1,000, brown        | 13) \$10,000, light green |
| 6) \$1,000, light green  | 14) \$10,000, orange      |
| 7) \$1,000, orange       | 15) \$10,000, brown       |
| 8) \$1,000, gray         | 16) \$50,000, purple      |
| 9) \$5,000, orange       | 17) \$50,000, blue        |
| 10) \$5,000, green       | 18) \$50,000, gray        |
| 11) \$5,000, gold        | 19) \$50,000, orange      |
| 12) \$5,000, dark orange |                           |

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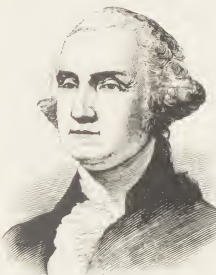
So go ahead, turn the page. A treasure chest of quality and value awaits you!

Sincerely,

Tom Becker  
Senior Numismatist  
Bowers and Merena Galleries



## “WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA” Restrike Cent



Around the year 1792, Jacob Perkins, an accomplished diecutter who lived in Newburyport, Massachusetts, engraved dies for a “cent” to honor President George Washington.

The obverse depicted the portrait of Washington, facing left, with the surrounding inscription: GEO WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA FEB 11 1732. The February 11th date is Washington's actual date of birth. Later, the calendar was revised to eliminate an error, and all earlier dates in history were moved forward by 11 days. Hence, we now consider Washington's birth date to be February 22nd, (or, more recently, the third Monday in February!)

The reverse listed Washington's accomplishments: GENERAL OF THE AMERICAN ARMIES 1775. RESIGNED 1783/PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 1789.

Original examples of the 1792 WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA cent are great rarities. On the bottom left of page 53 of the *Guide Book of United States Coins*, the price of \$1,750 is given for an original in just Fine grade.

Sometime around 1959 Albert Collins, a Massachusetts coin dealer, acquired the original obverse die. The reverse had disappeared, apparently years earlier. From the obverse he struck 2,000 uniface (one-sided) specimens on bright copper planchets. The obverse die was then presented to the American Numismatic Association Museum.

We acquired several hundred examples of this interesting restrike. Each is Choice Brilliant Uncirculated, some with a bit of natural toning—each is a beauty. (Request “WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA” cent when ordering.)



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## "Pieces of Eight"— America's First Silver Dollar



The Spanish colonial 8 Reales, also known as the "pillar dollar" or "piece of eight," was one of the principal coins used by American colonists. With many coins of historical importance are more expensive, the "piece of eight" is reasonable priced.

The "piece of eight" is also a "find" coin to own and enjoy. Imagine showing your friend a large silver coin that may well have circulated in the colonies!

We offer genuine Very Fine or better specimens, dated on both sides. These coins were minted from 1732-1762, and are priced at just \$179 each.

### Just \$179 each!

## Fascinating Crowns from Brazil

At Bowers and Merena Galleries we are always looking for unusual and interesting numismatic items. We got lucky recently when, from a friend with extensive South American contacts, we purchased the largest group of Brazilian 960 Reis crowns that we have ever encountered. We have had a few of these large and popular coins over the years, but never such a nice assortment of high quality pieces.

The majority of these coins, minted from 1810 through 1822 under the reign of John of Portugal, were struck over Spanish colonial 8 Reales pieces. On most of the pieces we offer some evidence of the host coin is present.

Even for these large and attractive pieces containing about a ounce of silver, and is very conservatively graded, well struck, and lustrous.

If you wish, you may begin a date collection and select dates from the following list. If you have no date preference, we will gladly select the nicest coin for you at \$59 for an Extremely Fine specimen and \$69 for an About Uncirculated specimen.

Order a package of eight different dates, and pay only \$399 for an Extremely Fine group, and \$475 for a package of eight different About Uncirculated date coins.

**Brazilian 960 Reis:** (Date of your choice in Extremely Fine at \$55, About Uncirculated at \$69. Please list alternate choices.) 1810-B, 1813-B, 1814-B, 1815-B, 1816-B, 1818-B, 1819-B, 1820-B, 1821-B, 1821-R.



## A Special Purchase and Special Prices For the Silver Maundy Coinage of Great Britain

World and 80% of the world's first low-mintage silver!

It is the Maundy money of Great Britain, which has been produced since the reign of Charles II (1660-1685) and always in very small numbers. In 1982, only less than 1000 four shilling coins were struck!

Thousands of collectors, the public, companies, governments and insurance companies all struck to have—very soon for a limited and available (including outside) exchange of prices—shopping, consider the four shilling Maundy money. Each coin is unique and is made by hand in the mint, complete with a presentation and a book with a handwritten letter to the collector. The coins are made in a hand-drawn metal, but are not stamped. The coins are made in a hand-drawn metal, but are not stamped. The coins are made in a hand-drawn metal, but are not stamped.

These coins are hand made and are of such high quality that they are the most desirable Maundy money in the world. The coins are made in a hand-drawn metal, but are not stamped. The coins are made in a hand-drawn metal, but are not stamped.

### —QUEEN VICTORIA—

Date	Mintage	Regular Price	Special Price
1840	5,475	\$15	\$89
1841	5,475	\$15	\$89
1842	5,475	\$15	\$89
1843	5,475	\$15	\$89

### —KING EDWARD VII—

1901	5,475	\$15	\$89
1902	5,475	\$15	\$89
1903	5,475	\$15	\$89
1904	5,475	\$15	\$89
1905	5,475	\$15	\$89
1906	5,475	\$15	\$89
1907	5,475	\$15	\$89
1908	5,475	\$15	\$89

### —KING GEORGE V—

1911	6,007	129	89
1912	1,128	14	99
1913	1,515	149	99
1914	1,672	149	99
1915	1,750	149	99
1916	1,835	149	99

### —QUEEN ELIZABETH II—

1953	265	495	395
1954	1,688	149	99
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2100	1,139	149	99





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AU-50 or MS-60?



BU or Proof?



EF-40 or AU-50?

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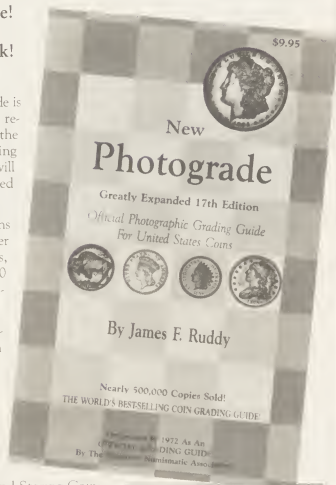
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## A Unique Currency Item: An Uncut Sheet of Two Notes and Part of a Third!



From the Hagerstown Bank, Hagerstown, Maryland. A most curious sheet of two \$20 notes, unguessed and thus unissued. At the lower portion of the sheet is a segment of a \$50 note! One of only a few types of paper currency printed in this fashion.

These sheets, from the late 1850s period, are unregulated, and are printed in black ink on thin white paper with a blank reverse. A "ghost" image which features vignettes of another with child, and a young boy looking heavenward. Printed at just \$45.00 each.

## ★ Where is the missing 13th star?

In the entire history of American numismatics, there have been only two coins that were mistakenly struck with 12—instead of the usual 13—stars. One of them is the 1812 \$5 gold issue, of which fewer than a dozen are known, and for which a specimen today would cost well over \$100,000. The other is this scarce and popular 1828



United States half-cent variety with just 12 stars on the obverse, instead of the usual 13. The reason for the production of this curious variety is unknown, but whatever the reason, this glaring error half-cent has always commanded the interest of numismatists.

Now, from an old-time collector, Bowers and Merena has purchased a small hoard of these scarce and interesting coins. This is a rare opportunity, so we urge you to act quickly to add this mysterious coin to your collection. Call us at our toll-free 800 phone number, (800) 222-5993, and we will reserve one or more for you. When this small hoard is sold out, it will be too late! So call as soon as you can, or hurry to your mailbox.

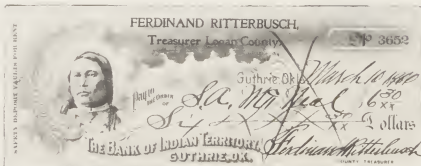
— A WIDE SELECTION —	VF-30 .....	115
G-4 .....	EF-40 .....	249
VG-8 .....	EF-45 .....	295
F-15 .....	AU-55 .....	695

## Old and Interesting Bank Notes

We are constantly looking for unusual paper money and related items—and this time we came up with two winners! Once you read about them, you will want to order early because we have just two dozen of each available.

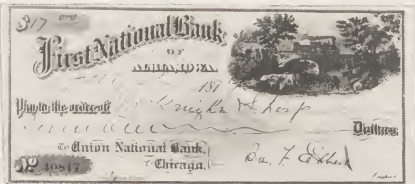
### The Bank of Indian Territory, Guthrie, Oklahoma

These interesting drafts are about the size of large envelopes (approximately 3 x 8 inches) and are printed in black ink on buff paper. The vignette is that of an imposing looking male Indian. Each draft is drawn on the account of Ferdinand Ritterbusch, located in Logan County, Ark. All are stamped "PAID" and will grade VF to EF. A neat Western item dated in the year 1900, for just \$19 each. (Request: Oklahoma Bank Draft.)



### First National Bank, Albion, Iowa

This ornate draft features the same vignette, that of a train and cattle, which appears on the rare \$500 1861 Montgomery, Alabama Confederate note. While the Confederate note would sell for several thousand dollars, you can enjoy the same vignette on this bank draft for a much, much lower price. (Size: approximately 3½ x 8 inches.) Each draft is imprinted with a United States two-cent revenue stamp and is stamped "PAID" and dated 1879. These drafts will grade EF and are offered for just \$13 each. (Request: Iowa Bank Draft.)





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From 1965 until 1981, Frank Gasparro was Chief Engraver of the United States Mint. During his tenure in the highest office to which an engraver can aspire, he created new designs for four different coins. Now, for the first time ever, Frank Gasparro has personally certified 1,000 limited-edition sets, each hand-numbered and personally signed by Frank Gasparro.

Each set is mounted in a custom-made plastic display holder with a glossy black background and beautiful gold lettering. At the center is mounted the Personal

Certification from Frank Gasparro, hand signed in ink and hand numbered.

Each coin in the set is a Gem Proof—the finest quality available. Each piece represents the first year of issue of the design: 1959 Lincoln cent mem-

orial reverse; 1964 Kennedy half dollar, eagle reverse; 1971 Eisenhower dollar, obverse and reverse; 1979 Susan Anthony dollar, obverse and reverse.

Here is one of the most significant, historical, and desirable numismatic items to be offered in our time. Set No. 1 is being retained by Frank Gasparro personally. No. 2 is being presented to the National Coin Collection at the Smithsonian Institution. No. 3 is being presented to the American Numismatic Society. No. 4 is being presented to the American

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To reserve one of these limited-edition sets telephone toll free: (800) 222-5993. We will then ship sets immediately to credit card orders, or will reserve your set awaiting the arrival of your check. Remember, this is a *strictly limited edition offer*, and once the 996 sets offered have been sold, no more will be available—*ever*. To be assured of receiving one or more sets, and of receiving the lowest serial numbers possible, order right away! The price is just \$89, but in our national advertising these sets will be offered for \$99. Order early—this *Special Coin Letter* is your last opportunity to acquire these sets for only \$89! Each set comes with the Bowers and Merena 30-day money-back guarantee of total satisfaction.



■ Frank Gasparro



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## A Nice Package of MS-65 Buffalo Nickels

During the past few months we have purchased many original rolls of Buffalo nickels. These are coins which were put away years ago, so you would think that many of the pieces would grade MS-65.

This is not the case! On the average, we have found that only two or three coins in each roll meet our strict MS-65 standards!

We offer a special package of MS-65 Buffalo nickels selected from original rolls. These are simply beautiful coins, well-struck pieces with attractive light toning.

Each package contains the following (with our regular price listed next to each piece):

1936-D	MS-65	\$195
1937	MS-65	99
1941-D	MS-65	119
1948-D	MS-65	75

The total retail price adds up to \$488. Order this special package and pay just \$415!

Note: If you like MS-65 Buffalo nickels but don't wish to purchase this entire package, you may wish to select the 1938-D alone at the special price of only \$69. Please, limit one 1938-D Buffalo nickel or Buffalo nickel package per order.



## The CURIOUS HAWAIIAN Coinage

While Hawaii is now the 50th state, in 1883, when this coin was produced, it was a kingdom, ruled by Kalikaua.

In 1883, with the assistance of Claus Spreckels, a wealthy island sugar merchant, silver coins in 10-cent, 25-cent, 50-cent, and \$1 denominations were struck for circulation at the San Francisco Mint.

One million dollars face value in coins was produced. By 1937 most of the silver coins (which corresponded exactly with regular United States coinage of the time) had been withdrawn and melted. Records indicate that from an original mintage of 500,000 quarter dollars, 257,400 were officially redeemed. In addition, thousands of other coins which were undoubtedly destroyed, shipped abroad, or lost.

Hawaiian coinage is highly collectable and popular today, which is why we are so pleased to offer a small, high-quality hoard of 1883 quarters. Each piece is fully lustrous and very attractive, and offered in two grades. Make your choice and order early—we have offered these coins before and they always sell quickly.



MS-60 \$523.00

1883 Hawaiian quarter

1883 Hawaiian quarter

MS-63...\$435.00

## From Original Rolls— A Special Mercury Dime Offering

From original rolls of coins put away decades ago, we have selected some of the nicest Mercury dimes you can imagine. Each coin is brilliant and frosty with minimum of abrasions—certainly at the high end of the MS-64 grade. These coins are very popular with our clients, and we get numerous repeat orders.

Now you can begin a set of Mercury dimes and get the very same quality coins that we offer for sale as single pieces. Plus, at no extra charge, we will include a beautiful Kingswood holder in which to store and "show off" your collection.

The holder we have selected is the KW-122, which contains openings for Mercury dimes minted from 1938 through 1945. While this is certainly an impressive display when completed, it is also *affordable*, with just two really difficult coins to purchase.

Here is a listing of the coins needed to complete the KW-122 holder, with the coins marked which are included in this special offer:

✓ 1938 .... (\$32)	1942 1-D
1938-D	1942-D
✓ 1938-S ... (\$35)	✓ 1942-S ... (\$27)
1939	✓ 1943 .... (\$27)
✓ 1939-D ... (\$35)	✓ 1943-D ... (\$34)
✓ 1939-S ... (\$49)	✓ 1943-S ... (\$27)
✓ 1940 .... (\$22)	✓ 1944 .... (\$23)
✓ 1940-D ... (\$35)	✓ 1944-D ... (\$22)
✓ 1940-S ... (\$22)	✓ 1944-S ... (\$35)
✓ 1941 .... (\$25)	✓ 1945 .... (\$19)
✓ 1941-D ... (\$59)	1945-D
✓ 1941-S ... (\$28)	✓ 1945-S ... (\$22)
1942/1	1945-S MS-63
✓ 1942 .... (\$27)	

If purchased singly from our stock, these coins would cost a total of \$603. The Kingswood holder sells for an additional \$28.50, making the total value of this package \$631.50.

**Special Offer:** Purchase all the marked coins, a total of 20 pieces (all frosty MS-63 or better) and the Kingswood KW-122 holder, for just \$525! This is a fantastic savings of \$106.50! This is certainly an extraordinary offer and we ask that you limit your order to one special set. (Request: Mercury Dime Special Offer.)





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## Special Small Denomination Issue

This *Special Coin Letter* is devoted almost exclusively to great values in small denomination issues, half cents through nickel five-cent pieces.

Packed within the listings are many new purchases, especially in the small cent section. You will note a very nice group of Flying Eagle cents as well as elusive Indian cent issues.

We have also added a large group of certified Buffalo nickels to our inventory, and there is sure to be something of interest to you.

In this issue is a special section called the "Collector's Corner." These coins are key date issues in their respective series in lower grades of preservation. All of the coins are priced under \$200, and all but one sell for under \$100. Be sure to look this listing over carefully for important pieces you may require for your collection.

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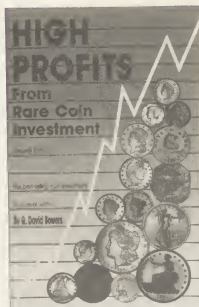
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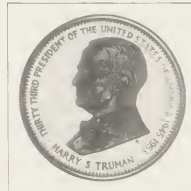
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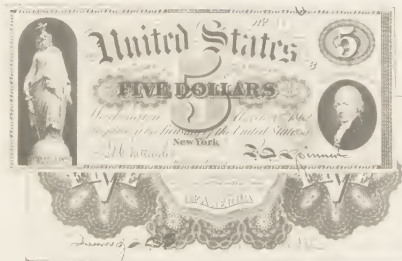
We recently had the opportunity to "cherry pick" one of the most unusual hoards ever offered in numismatics. New condition examples of the Series of 1862 \$5 Legal Tender "greenback" notes issued during the Civil War—and kept intact ever since then! Among the notes were some with EXCEEDINGLY LOW SERIAL NUMBERS—serial numbers ranging from 23 (the lowest) to 182. These are among the very lowest serial numbers still in existence from this series! In addition, there were a few notes with higher serial numbers, mainly in the 43,000 series.

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From a local printing shop, we were able to purchase a small lot of very interesting examples of currency printed from both of these firms and, in addition, a number of other notes which had been well accepted and used in the hinterland of currency shortages.

These included a few of four forms, known as F-1 Jones and A-H Sawyer. Each features a design similar to the one on the left, which is printed in black ink on the left of the note and used on the reverse.

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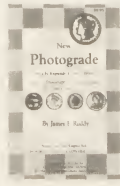
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## Exciting New Books! New Listings! Interesting Curiosities!



This issue of the *Special Coin Letter* "has it all." From new book titles such as Walter Breen's outstanding new reference *Walter Breen's Complete Encyclopedia of U.S. and Colonial Coins* to Claire Birdsall's informative reference on the Charlotte Mint. Both volumes are sure to offer hours of interesting and insightful reading. As you know, we feel books are the key to knowledge, and in turn, knowledge is the key to SUCCESS!

You will notice many new items offered in our coin listings. We have recently acquired some very nice "type" issues, as indicated by our special "type grid" as well as good values in the Walking Liberty half dollar and Morgan silver dollar series. See the grid of these issues on page 2. Certain of these are from the Manning estate, a collection rich in type issues.

You will notice that this issue also includes the popular Collector's Corner. We virtually sold out all of the issues in our last Collector's Corner, so we thought you might enjoy another similar listing of coins under \$200. Items in this listing sell rapidly, so call early!

For those with an interest in paper items and intriguing curiosities, we thought you might enjoy the Ottawa, Illinois fire department postcards offered on page 6. Two different cards are offered. One is entitled "Ready for Duty," and the other "Ready for Action." Both show an outstanding view of early fire trucks (horse drawn) circa 1910. They are offered at \$12.50 each or \$22 for the pair, a substantial savings from what you might expect to pay.

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Type and Denomination	EF-40	EF-45	AU-50	AU-55	MS-60	MS-63
Half Cent, Classic Head	\$99	\$110	\$159	\$215	—	—
Half Cent, Braided Hair	115	129	159	249	\$315	—
Large Cent, 1840-1856	79	89	139	—	—	\$495
Flying Eagle Cent, 1857-1858	—	—	—	—	—	795
Indian Cent, Bronze, 1864-1909	—	—	—	—	49	89
Two-Cent Piece, 1864-1873	—	—	149	—	—	425
Three-Cent Nickel, 1865-1889	—	39	45	65	—	—
Three-Cent Silver, 1851-1853	—	55	—	179	275	—
Three-Cent Silver, 1854-1858	—	—	229	—	—	—
Three-Cent Silver, 1859-1873	—	—	—	179	—	—
Shield Nickel, No Rays, 1867-1868	—	—	49	95	125	—
Shield Nickel, 1883-1912	—	—	—	79	179	359
Buff Nickel, Type II, 1913-1938	—	—	—	—	—	32
One Half Dime, 1829-1837	—	—	249	295	—	—
Striped Liberty Half Dimes, 1840-1850	79	89	159	179	425	—
Seated Liberty Half Dimes, 1860-1873	—	79	145	159	349	—
Busb Dime, 1828-1837	—	—	475	565	—	—
Seated Liberty Dime, 1860-1891	—	—	99	139	—	—
Barber Dime, 1892-1916	—	99	89	99	225	365
20 Cent Piece, 1875-1876	124	185	450	550	895	—
Seated Liberty Quarter, 1840-1863	—	—	175	195	495	—
Seated Liberty Quarter, Arrows, 1863-65	—	—	—	195	995	—
Seated Liberty Quarter, Motto, 1866-91	—	135	175	—	695	995
Barber Quarter, 1892-1916	—	—	149	185	—	750
Standing Liberty Quarter, Type I, 1917	—	175	—	—	295	—
Standing Liberty Quarter, Type II, 1917-30	—	45	89	89	199	349
Half Dollar, 1807-1836	175	165	495	495	895	1,895
Half Dollar, Reeded Edge, 1836-39	—	—	495	695	895	—
Seated Liberty Half Dollar, 1839-65	149	199	299	325	650	—
Seated Liberty Half Dollar, Arrows, 1865-65	—	250	395	695	—	—
Seated Liberty Half Dollar, Motto, 1866-73	99	199	299	325	650	—
Barber Half Dollar, 1892-1915	195	250	395	495	695	1,650
Seated Liberty Dollar, 1840-1865	349	395	525	695	—	—
Seated Liberty Dollar, Motto, 1866-1873	325	395	695	695	—	—
Trade Dollar, 1873-1885	249	279	395	425	—	—
Gold Dollar, Type I, 1849-1854	—	295	325	425	—	—
Gold Dollar, Type III, 1856-1889	—	239	279	325	—	—
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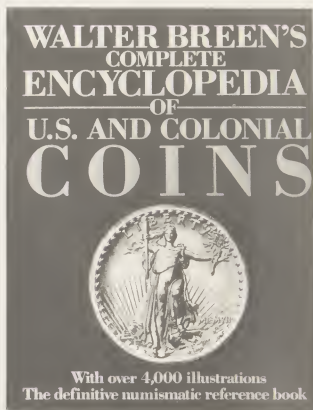
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1919 Five cents. MS-60	49.00
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1938-D Buffalo five cents. MS-63	3.00
1939-D Five cents. MS-63	29.00
1941-P Five cents. MS-63	12.00
1942-S Five cents. MS-63	10.00
1950-D Five cents. MS-63	8.00
1838 Half dime. No Drapers variety. AU-50	199.00
1843 Half dime. AU-50	159.00
1854 Ten cents. With Arrows. EF-45	49.00
1855 Ten cents. With Arrows. EF-40	45.00
1859 Ten cents. EF-40	25.00
1880-S Ten cents. A "skipper" EF-40	65.00
1910 Ten cents. MS-60	25.00
1913 Ten cents. AU-55	99.00
1916 Ten cents. Barber type. AU-55	99.00
1916 Ten cents. Mercury type. Beautiful golden toning. MS-6	69.00
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1934 Quarter. Heavy Motto variety. MS-63	149.00
1934-O Half dollar. EF-45	79.00
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1909-D Half eagle. EF-45. Otherwise polished.	250.00
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## U.S. HALF DOLLARS CONTINUED

1839 Liberty Seated. Drapery. AU-58 (NGC)	650.00
1840 Small Letters. AU-58 (NGC)	650.00
1842 Medium Date. EF-40 \$139; EF-45	229.00
1842-O Small Date. VG-8. A rarity in the series. Elusive in all grades	950.00
1843 AU-55 \$249; AU-58	325.00
1844 EF-40 \$139; EF-45	159.00
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1848 Repunched 4 variety. EF-45	399.00
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1849-O EF-40 \$149; AU-58. Frosts with pale peripheral toning	395.00
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1854-O Arrows. EF-45 \$250; AU-50 \$395; AU-55	695.00
1856 EF-45 \$149; AU-50	239.00
1856-O AU-50 \$139; AU-55	325.00
1857 EF-45 \$139; AU-50 \$239; AU-58 \$475; MS-61 (PCGS)	795.00
1857-O AU-55	325.00
1858 AU-50 \$239; AU-55 \$395; AU-58 \$475; MS-64. Superb	2,350.00
1858-O EF-45, small scratch on shield \$120; AU-50 \$239; MS-60	659.00
1859 EF-45 \$199; AU-50, tiny line mark on reverse, prooflike surface \$395; AU-55. Scarce	459.00
1859-O Extremely Fine-45 \$199; AU-50 \$239; AU-55	259.00
1860 AU-50	495.00
1860-O EF-45 \$199; AU-55	325.00
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1861-O AU-50 \$239; AU-55 \$325; MS-60, nice	795.00
1861-O Die break from nose to border. Struck by the Confederate States of America. AU-55 \$535; MS-61 (PCGS)	1,995.00
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1863-S AU-55	325.00
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1866 Proof-62 (PCGS). One of just 725 Proofs minted.	795.00
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1868-S VG-8 \$29; VF-30	95.00
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We recently acquired a small group of 1905-S \$5 gold pieces. These attractive Coronet type half eagles, designed by Christian Gobrecht, were first minted in 1839. Our nation's motto, "In God We Trust," was added in 1866, thereby creating a second variety within the type. This type was minted at all seven mints, and spanned a period of 70 years! We offer these coins in the following grades, at prices that are sure to please.

EF-40	159.00
EF-45	195.00
AU-50	255.00
AU-55	260.00





## U.S. HALF DOLLARS CONTINUED

1871 MS-62 (NGC). Attractive light gray and iridescent toning. Very scarce in business-strike form, even rarer than Proof, despite the generous business-strike mintage. . . .	995.00
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1871-S EF-40, rim nick on reverse (variety with mintmark very lightly impressed) MS-63, frosty, lustrous beauty! . . .	1,595.00
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1873 Without arrows. VF-30. . . .	129.00
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1873-S Arrows. G-4. . . .	59.00
1874 Arrows. G-4 VG-8 S22; EF-40. . . .	2,500.00
1875 AU-50 S29; AU-55. . . .	325.00
1876 EF-40 S99; EF-45 S199. AU-55 S125, MS-60 S595; MS-63. . . .	895.00
1876 S VF-20. . . .	79.00
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1877-CC VG-8. . . .	39.00
1877-S MS-60. . . .	650.00
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1890 MS-65 (PCGS). Beautiful iridescent toning. A gem specimen. Just 15,000 business strikes were made. . . .	4,450.00
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S93 EF-45. . . .	150.00
1893-O EF-40 S79; AU-55 S495, MS-60. Lustrous. . . .	1,150.00
1894-O AU-55. . . .	325.00
1895 MS-60. . . .	695.00

1896 AU-55. . . .	495.00
1896-S F12. . . .	89.00
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1901 MS-60. . . .	695.00
1902 Extremely Fine-40 S195; AU-50 S395, MS-60. . . .	695.00
1903 AU-55. . . .	495.00
1903-S MS-64 (PCGS). A simply superb frosty and brilliant specimen. . . .	2,995.00
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1906 AU-55 S395; MS-60. . . .	695.00

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1907-D EF-45. . . .	50.00
1908-D EF-45. . . .	250.00
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1908-O MS-65 (PCGS). A gem specimen of this late date Barber coin. One of the finest known examples. . . .	3,450.00
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1912-D Extremely Fine-45 S250, AU-50 S395, AU-55. . . .	495.00
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## Just Published!

*The United States Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina: Its History and Coinage*, by Clair M. Birdsall.

A companion volume to Mr. Birdsall's excellent work on the Dahlonega Mint, the newly-issued study on the Charlotte Mint discusses this institution in great detail, from its inception through its operation and closing. The volume is 123 pages in length, 8½ x 11 inches in size, hardbound, and is illustrated with color plates.

Authorized by Congress in 1835, the Charlotte Mint opened on December 4, 1837, to receive gold bullion from the Carolina mines and convert it into gold coins of the quarter eagle and half eagle denominations, a minting process which commenced in 1838. The facility produced coinage through 1901; then the exigencies of the Civil War prompted its closing. This volume will be an important addition to the bookshelf of anyone seriously interested in American gold coins. (Stock No. BBI-751) \$30.00.

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Although the main emphasis is on cards produced here, of course, some-what less than 100 or other things as well. Such are opportunities to collect those which in 1901 were yielded 100 percent of the type illustrated. These are originally printed circa 1905 to 1910, and show the Ottawa, Ontario Fire Department "ready for duty." Behind the two-story houses is a beautiful steam train engine, or the general type made by Armstrong, Siddeley and other manufacturers, primarily circa 1890 to 1910 (original examples of such engines are very rare today, and one brought over \$100,000 in auction a couple of years ago). In any event, these cards are interesting, historic (if not one offered for sale, \$12.50, or two for \$50 (thirty-five per cent off).



Ottawa, O., Fire Department ready for duty.



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## Special Double Issue With Exciting New Material!

The present issue of the *Special Coin Letter* is packed full of new purchases and interesting offerings!

Of particular interest is the outstanding selection of encased postage stamps on pages 2, 3, and 5. We offer for sale a complete collection of these fascinating numismatic and philatelic items, consisting of one example each from the merchants who issued these pieces. Included is the James F. Ruddy Collection specimen of the great rarity in the series, the Claflin issue (of which only three or four examples are known to exist!), the exceedingly rare Miles issue; and other pieces.

This collection is remarkable also for its quality, and many of the pieces therein are among the finest of their kind to come on the market in recent decades.

As a special offer, we will allow a 5% discount if three or more encased postage stamps are purchased, and a 10% discount if six or more are acquired. Each item is one of a kind in our stock and is subject to prior sale.

Not to be overlooked are our regular listings of Walking Liberty and Franklin half dollars, early Draped Bust dollars (types and grades for every collection), and Liberty Seated dollars. Our Morgan dollar inventory has many new popular PCGS-certified additions which are sure to please.

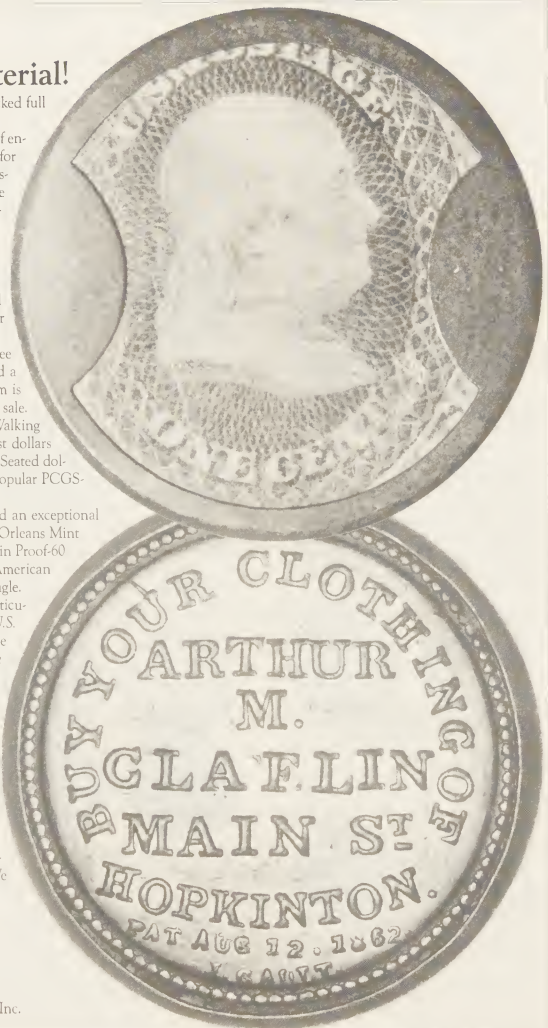
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The following offering includes the "rarest of the rare" issue, the classic rarity, the encased postage stamp of Arthur Claflin or which just three or four exist; the second rarest issue in the series, that of B.F. Miles, of which only about a half dozen exist, and one each of the other issuers as well.

Beginning in early July 1862, small change was hoarded, and merchants experienced great difficulty in consummating transactions. To fill the void, a wide variety of substitute currency issues appeared, including regular postage stamps pasted on cards and enclosed in envelopes, printed cardboard tickets of various denominations, metallic tokens, and, germane to the present offering, encased postage stamps. Patented on August 12, 1862 by John Gault, the encased postage stamp consisted of a brass frame, with a printed advertisement on the back, enclosing a regular United States postage stamp, visible on the front through a pane of mica.

Many of the advertisers on encased postage stamps were in New York City, including the Aerated Bread Company, Lord & Taylor (still very much in business today), White the Hatter (whose premises were located in the same building as B.T. Barnum's American Museum), and others. More distant were advertisers in Cincinnati, Detroit, Lowell (Massachusetts), and elsewhere. One was out of the country: Weir & Larmie, of Montreal.

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**Aerated Bread Company, New York EP41**  
One-cent. EF . . . . . 1,495.00

Timothy and Brenda Company was owned by Stephen F. Ayer who, during 1862-63, was struggling with an enteric fever, a debilitating year. H. C. Greer, the New York newspaper publisher, testified that that product was "most palatable than bread made in the old way." However, the public apparently didn't agree, and the venture was short-lived.

**Ayer's Cathartic Pills, Lowell, EP2.** One-cent. AU. Nearly full surviving on the back. A superb specimen, certainly one of the very finest known to exist. Probably not in 200 pieces is this nice. A gem! . . . . . 975.00

Dr. R. Ayer, of Lowell, Massachusetts, was the first to market his pills in America in the 1840s. Today, a wide variety of Ayer's advertising is available in trade and antique shops, and other places. At Ayer's, products included, for example, respiratory, and/or (in time) a Mass. license, and he hoped to earn \$100,000 in the first year.

**Take Ayer's Pills, Lowell, EP6.** Five-cents. AU. One of the nicest we have seen 395.00  
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Bailey & Co. was founded in 1811. B. F. Miles, the designer of the encased postage stamp, was introduced to B. Bailey, Senior.

**Joseph L. Bates, Boston, EP47.** Three-cents. VF, some planchet lamination. A very scarce issue . . . . . 675.00

Bates was a well-known Bostonian, and a member of the Bostonian Club. He was a member of the Bostonian Club, and a member of the Bostonian Club.

**Brown's Bronchial Troches, Boston, EP47.** Five-cents. EF, some minor planchet lamination. Sharp and bright. . . . . 375.00

John Brown, a pharmacist, advertised his troches in many ways, including through a yearly almanac.



**S. Buhl & Co., Detroit, EP104.** 10-cents. FF. Very rare issue . . . . . 1,975.00

Buhl moved to Detroit in 1813 and acquired the office of a deceased brother. His business, as a dealer in hats and hats, prospered to the point at which he said it was "more profitable than any one else in the Michigan City."



**Burnett's Cocoa, Boston, EP105.** 10-cents. EF or better. Superb. . . . . 795.00

Cocoa was a very popular product in the 1860s, and other things, would grow, but in a long time, according to advertising.

**Burnett's Standard Cooking Extracts, Boston, EP40.** Three-cents. AU. . . . . 695.00

In addition to the cocoa, Burnett sold other things, including cooking extracts. In fact, he was a very successful business man.

### Claflin Rarity



**Arthur M. Claflin, Hopkinton, Massachusetts, EP11.** One-cent. FF or better. One of just three or four traced. The classic rarity of the series, an issue so rare that most specialists have never even seen an example, let alone owned one! This particular piece was a highlight in the James F. Ruddy Collection which was sold at auction four years ago . . . . . 2,750.00

Claflin operated a business in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, Boston. After the Civil War, he moved to Hopkinton, where he had a business in the town of Hopkinton, where he had a business in the town of Hopkinton, where he had a business in the town of Hopkinton.





H.A. Cook, Evansville, Indiana. EP108.  
10-cents. Very Fine. . . . .1,195.00

Henry A. Cook opened a grocery store in Evansville, Indiana, on the Ohio River. After the Civil War, he packed up and moved to New York City, and married. Later he came back to Evansville, where he set up the Oriental Tea store. Among his customers were steamboats, restaurants, and hotels.



Dougan, New York City. EP73. Five-cents. EF.  
A rarity . . . . .1,995.00

This is another scarce issue. John Dougan started business as a tailor, then was a liquor dealer, then a hatter. His encased postage stamp is the only one in the series to picture a made symbol or name; it has appears below his name.

Drake's Plantation Bitters. EP42. Three-cents. EF. . . . .395.00

Drake's Plantation Bitters, an alcoholic preparation sold under the guise of a medicine, enjoyed great popularity during and after the Civil War. The product was put up in log cabin-shaped bottles.



Ellis, McAlpin & Co, Cincinnati. EP76.  
Five-cents. EF. A great rarity . . . . .2,295.00

At one time this establishment was one of the leading dry goods enterprises in Cincinnati. The partnership was composed of George Washington McAlpin and John Washington Ellis.



G.G. Evans, Philadelphia. EP14. One-cent. EF  
or better . . . . .875.00

Evans, an entrepreneur, built up a large trade in selling books and other goods by mail and to local residents. Later he wrote a popular guide, Evans' Illustrated Home of the Use of Sate Mint, copies of which are fairly plentiful today.

Gage Brother & Drake, Tremont House  
Chicago. EP114. 10-cents. EF . . . . .450.00

This is the place someone of Chicago's best known hotels.

J. Gault, New York. EP116. 10-cents. EF or  
better . . . . .595.00

John Gault patented the encased postage stamp on August 12, 1862.



L.C. Hopkins & Co, Cincinnati. EP48.  
Three-cents. EF . . . . .1,495.00

Hopkins was one of several dealers in dry goods who advertised on encased postage stamps. During the Civil War he was a supplier for the Union Army.



Hunt & Nash, Irving House New York.  
EP82. Five-cents, EF. A great rarity; fewer  
than 10 are believed to exist today.1,495.00

The Irving House, named for Washington Irving, was a popular New York City hotel.

Kirkpatrick & Gault, New York. EP83. Five-cents. EF. . . . .495.00

This piece, bearing the name of Gault and his partner advertised encased postage stamps and sold applications for the same.



Lord & Taylor, New York City. EP84. Five-cents. EF . . . . .1,295.00

A very nice encased postage stamp from a dry goods store which was well known in its day, having several locations, and which is equally well known at the present time.



Mendum's Family Wine Emporium, New  
York City. EP85. Five-cents. AU 1,195.00

Mendum had an immense wholesale liquor and bottling business. In addition he handled cigars, cheese, and other delicacies. It is said that his "emporium" was a major New York attraction.

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## Miles Rarity



B.F. Miles, Peoria. EP86. VF. Some mica cracks. An extreme rarity in the series, this is one of just six or seven known examples. This variety is missing from nearly all collections . . . . .6,950.00

Benjamin Fuller Miles, born in Pennsylvania, became a doctor but then entered business as a surveyor for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Later he opened a medical practice in New Jersey, then went west to Peoria, Illinois in 1853 and joined a local drug firm. His encased postage stamp advertises drugs, paints, oils, and glass—quite a varied business. Later in his life he was an insurance agent.



John W. Norris, Chicago. EP23. One-cent.  
VF. Here is a very nice example of a major  
rarity in the series . . . . .1,695.00

John W. Norris was a newspaper dealer and purchasing agent in Chicago and was a supplier to traders in the American Northwest.

North America Life Insurance Company,  
New York City. EP24A. One-cent. EF.  
Scarce issue . . . . .995.00

The North America Life Insurance Company, no kin to other firms with a similar name, was founded in 1862 and went out of business in 1873.



Pearce, Tolle & Holton, Cincinnati. EP54.  
Three-cents. EF. Some small mica laminations. A major rarity . . . . .2,495.00

This firm was one of several Cincinnati dry goods sellers who advertised in encased postage stamps.



Sands' Ale, Milwaukee. EP90. Five-cents. EF.  
A very rare issue . . . . .2,495.00

Joseph J. Sands, who opened a brewery and malt house in Chicago, purchased a brewery in Milwaukee in 1859. Sands' Ale became well known. Sands sold the Milwaukee brewery in 1867.



## New Book Details Life of America's First Coin Collector

Today, the hobby of coin collecting embraces millions of followers in America. Numismatics, as we know it today, has grown steadily from a small group of enthusiasts early in the last century, to the widespread activities of the present era. Who was the first serious numismatist in America? Traditionally, this honor has been ascribed to young Joseph J. Mickley, who before 1820 was assembling a set of large cents by date sequence, and who in 1827 is reported to have visited the Philadelphia Mint to purchase four Proof quarters of that date, paying just face value for them. (Today one of those quarters would be worth over \$50,000.)

Now comes Dr. Joel J. Orosz, who moves history back several decades from Mickley and names Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere as the founding father of American numismatics. Du Simitiere (1737-1784) was an artist and the proprietor of an early museum in Philadelphia.

Sometime between 1763 and 1774 he published a nine-page numismatic manuscript, which today is believed to be one of the very first pieces of numismatic literature in America, indeed a work which is earlier than the United States itself.

Using original source material, charts, and illustrations from Du Simitiere's era, the author traces in fascinating detail Du Simitiere's involvement with coin collecting.

The present-day reader will learn much that is new, for virtually everything in the present work represents material not hitherto published in book form.

Du Simitiere left an indelible impression on American numismatics. He was the first to have sug-

gested the use of devices and mottos still employed today for our coinage and paper money. His portrait of George Washington has been used and reused on medals, tokens, and commemorative coins. Interestingly, one of his sketches may have inspired one of the most celebrated frauds in numismatic history, the "Novum Belgium" piece.

Dr. Orosz's work begins with a foreword by noted numismatic scholar Eric P. Newman, who writes:

"The courage of a true collector of knowledge and 'things' is reflected in the absorbing experiences of Pierre Eugene Du Simitiere in America. As a late 18th-century resident in various American communities, he was a true dilettante with an insatiable appetite for accumulating and studying all types of tangible collectibles available to a person with no economic disadvantages. His talent and work as a designer and artist did not seem to divert his cultural devotion to being an enthusiastic 'pack rat' with a mission.

"Joel J. Orosz, as evidenced by his research and writing about Du Simitiere, is obviously a great admirer of that remarkable individual for his myriad of interests, for his desire to seek constant cultural excitement and his devotion to sharing his achievements with the public—and also undertaking these projects singlehandedly. Orosz does not use success as a standard of admiration but recognizes the magnitude of tireless effort to overcome frustration and impossible odds as a measure of Du Simitiere's importance. This book is a presentation of the numismatic achievements of Du Simitiere. It is an opportunity for a sophisticated reader to take a refreshing look backward to the beginning of numismatics in America. One can appreciate how Orosz has made Du Simitiere the numismatist live again if one puts oneself in the time and place setting of that unusual foreigner in America."



■ Du Simitiere's design for the "Washington Before Boston" medal.



This new book, *The Eagle That Is Forgotten*, 75 pages in length, and extensively illustrated, is available in two formats: softbound, of which 2,000 copies have been made, \$9.95; or hardbound, of which just 200 numbered copies have been produced, \$19.95. To order, use the convenient order form on page 16 of this *Special Coin Letter*, or call toll-free (800) 222-5993.



# ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS CONTINUED



Schalker & Bussing, Evansville, Indiana.  
EP-129. 10-cents. VF. Some slight mica flaws  
are unimportant. . . . .795.00

This issue was set up in 1860 by two young men who came from the Ohio River from Cincinnati. The company remained in business until the Panic of 1873, after which the partners went their separate ways.



John Shillito & Co., Cincinnati. EP-92. Five  
cents. AU. A superb example. . . . .895.00

This issue, advertised as the oldest west of the Allegheny, was established in 1835 by John Shillito, then 22 years old. Today, the firm is still active.



S. Steinfeld, French Cognac Bitters, New  
York. EP-27. One-cent. VF, some minor mica  
separations. A classic major rarity in the  
series. . . . .1,695.00

Simon Steinfeld, originally a hat maker, turned to making candy, then in 1855 obtained rights to a European patent medicine. In 1857 his candy store was changed to a saloon. The imported French Cognac Bitters, which Drake's Plantation Bitters, consisted of an alcoholic beverage marketed under the guise of a medicine, thus making it possible for temperance advocates and others to freely imbibe the stuff.



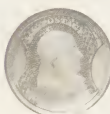
N. & G. Taylor and Co., Philadelphia. EP-28.  
One-cent. EF. A very rare issue. . . . .1,895.00

This firm was an important dealer in hardware and metal goods and advertised its tokens in addition to enclosed postage stamps.



Weir & Larminie, Montreal. EP-133. 10-cents.  
EF. Very rare. . . . .1,695.00

This issue, the only one by an issuer outside of the United States, presents the interesting situation that a Canadian merchant circulated United States stamps!



White the Hatter, New York. EP-30. One-  
cent. EF. An outstanding example of this  
scarce issue. . . . .1,895.00

George W. White's hat business was located on the first floor of P.T. Barnum's American Museum, probably the most famous New York City tourist attraction of its era.

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## "Pieces of Eight"

### The Principal Coins of the American Colonists

Most everyone has heard about "Pieces of Eight." Mention of these coins conjures up thoughts of vast treasures, hostile unsettled areas of the world, and great sea battles between pirates and forces loyal to the crown.

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Being of good silver and struck in convenient denominations of 1/2, 1, 2, 4, and 8 reales, the pillar dollar and its fractions were accepted in many parts of the world, but were perhaps most important in the American colonies where "hard" money of any type was scarce and much needed to facilitate commerce.

As numismatists, we have always admired and enjoyed these coins for both their historic and numismatic significance. Furthermore, with a little searching, it is possible to build an impressive collection of these coins at very modest prices. These are discussed on page two of the *Guide Book of U.S. Coins*.

Illustrated here, actual size, are four of the different denominations of Pillar coinage. They are offered for sale as follows:

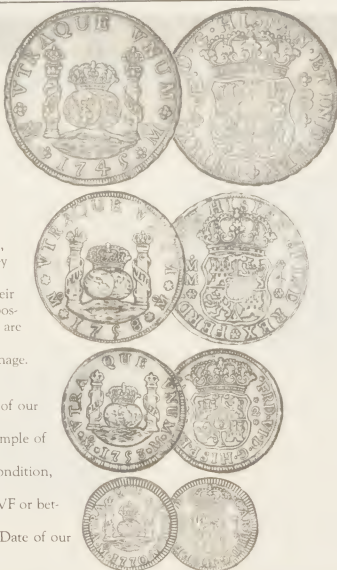
**The 1/2 Real:** Minted from the early 1730s until 1771. We will select a date of our choice in Very Fine or better condition. Only \$27. (Not illustrated.)

**The 1 Real:** Minted during the same period. You can own a handsome example of this little coin in Very Fine or better condition for only \$45.

**The 2 Real:** Again, let us choose a date of our choice in Very Fine or better condition, minted between the early 1730s and 1771. You pay only \$85.

**The 4 Real:** We choose the date of this extremely scarce and historic coin in VF or better condition. Yours for only \$359.

**The 8 Reales or Pillar Dollar:** One of the world's most romantic coins. Date of our choice in Very Fine or better condition. Just \$189.





# Bearer Bonds of the Confederate States of America

We are pleased to offer a bit of history that has been tucked away for the past 120 years—genuine documents from the Civil War!

Recently, a very special auction—one that stirred the interest of collectors around the world—was held in London, England. What was sold was a rather large quantity of Confederate States of America bonds which had been purchased by European investors directly from the Confederate government during the Civil War.

Prior to the Civil War, the South's estates of America were active and important trading partners with merchants in England and other European countries. The great plantations of the South provided raw materials for England's textile mills, as well as other important agricultural products.

The Europeans in merchants depended on the South for these vital products, and crossed lawfully on the side of the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Now this bond of once very valuable bonds is being offered to collectors of historical documents.

We have selected a small group of five of the most popular and interesting types of Confederate bonds and offer them singly or in a most exciting package set.

Each of the bonds, while offering many of them from a variety of sizes, are quite attractive, and well respected as among the most beautiful of rare European holdings.



The grade of this document, and all others offered, is VF to EF with some light folds. It can be yours for just \$39.00. Order CSA Bond No. 1.



**\$500 8% Coupon Bond.**  
Issued under the Act of February 20th, 1863. Redemption date, July 1, 1868. Criswell #124.

This ornate bond is printed in black ink on white paper and measures about 14 x 14 inches. Approx. seven coupons remain attached.

58,917 of these certificates were issued, and it is a very popular issue among collectors. Again, the grade is VF to EF with some light folds. Just \$39.00. Order CSA Bond No. 2.



**\$1,000 Coupon Bond**  
Issued under the Act of February 20th, 1863. Redemption date of July 1, 1868. Criswell #125.



**\$1,000 Coupon Bond**  
Issued under the Act of March 23, 1863. Redemption date, April 1, 1893. Criswell #128.

Printed in black ink on white paper, this fancy document features a vignette of the old customs house and surrounding buildings in Richmond, Virginia.

The size of this attractive bond is approximately 14 x 14 inches, with seven coupons still remaining. Just 4,923 of this particular bond were issued. The price for this scarce document is only \$49.00. Order CSA Bond No. 4.



**\$1,000 6% Coupon Bond**  
Issued under the Act of February 17th, 1864. Redemption date, July 1, 1894. Criswell #144b.

This huge (30 x 15 inches) document, with approx. 60 coupons attached, is printed in orange and black on white paper. It is one of the most

popular and impressive of all CSA bonds! Featured is a vignette of an equestrian statue of George Washington and Confederate flags.

10,800 bonds of this type were issued. The bond will grade VF to EF and is priced at \$49.00. Order CSA Bond No. 5.



**\$1,000 7% Coupon Bond**  
Issued under the Act of February 20th, 1863. Redemption date, July 1, 1868. Criswell #122.

This attractive bond measures approximately 14 x 14 inches, and is printed in black ink on pink paper. About eight coupons remain.

The central vignette is of General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson. A smaller steamboat vignette appears at the bottom of the bond. A total of 34,361 of these bonds were issued.

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1950-D MS-60 \$19; MS-63 .....	32.00
1951 MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1951-D MS-65 .....	169.00
1951-S MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1952 MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1952-S Mint State-63 \$42; MS-64 \$79; MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1953-S MS-64 \$79; MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1954 MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1955 MS-65 (PCGS) .....	165.00
1956 Mint State-65 (PCGS) \$165; Mint State-66 (PCGS) .....	249.00
1957 Mint State-65 (PCGS) \$165; Mint State-66 (PCGS) .....	249.00
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1846 EF-45 \$495; AU-58 .....	895.00
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1865 MS-63. An exceptional piece with superb original mint frost on the devices. The surfaces are satiny and lustrous. Sure to please. Just 47,000 pieces struck ..... 3,750.00  
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1880-S Mint State-63 \$89; Mint State-63 (PCGS) \$89; MS-64 .....	195.00
1881-CC MS-63 .....	295.00
1881-S Mint State-63 \$79; Mint State-63 (PCGS) \$79; MS-64 .....	189.00
1882-CC MS-60 \$99; MS-64 .....	389.00
1882-O MS-60 .....	39.00
1882-S MS-64 .....	179.00
1883 MS-63 (PCGS) .....	89.00
1883-CC MS-60 \$99; Mint State-64 (NGC) \$369; MS-64 .....	369.00
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1884-O MS-63	79.00
1885 MS-63 (PCGS)	79.00
1885-CC Scarce and popular issue. MS-60 \$289;	
MS-63	389.00
1885-O Mint State-63 \$79; MS-63 (PCGS) \$79;	
MS-64	179.00
1886 MS-60 \$39; MS-63 \$79; MS-63 (PCGS) \$79;	
MS-64	179.00
1886-S MS-60 \$139; MS-63	395.00
1887 MS-60 \$39; MS-63 \$79; MS-63 (PCGS) \$79;	
MS-64	179.00
1887-S MS-60	95.00
1888 MS-63 (PCGS) \$79; MS-64	239.00
1888-O MS-63	99.00
1888-S MS-60	139.00
1889 MS-60	37.00
1890 MS-63	99.00
1890-S MS-60	79.00
1891-CC MS-60	19.00
1891-S MS-60	69.00
1894 Scarce date. EF-45 \$295; AU-50 \$495;	
AU-55	650.00
1894-S AU 55	45.00
1896 MS-60	37.00
1896-O AU-58	25.00
1897 MS-64	39.00
1897-O AU-58	139.00
1897-S MS-60	69.00
1898 MS-63 (PCGS) \$89; MS-64	195.00
1898-O Mint State-63 \$79; MS-63 (PCGS) \$89;	
MS-64	179.00

1898-S MS-63. We just purchased a small group of this popular San Francisco issue and offer them for, each . . . \$295.00

1899 MS-64 . . . 595.00

1899-O Mint State-63 \$89; MS-63 (PCGS) \$89;

MS-64 . . . 189.00

1899-S MS-60 \$149; MS-63 . . . 289.00

1900 Mint State-60 \$37; MS-63 \$79; MS-63

(PCGS) . . . 79.00

1900-O Mint State-60 \$39; Mint State-63 \$89;

MS-64 . . . 195.00

1900-S MS-60 \$129; MS-63 . . . 295.00

1901-O MS-63 . . . 99.00

1902-O Mint State-63 \$99; MS-63 (PCGS) \$99;

MS-64 . . . 189.00

1902-S Key date. MS-60 \$195; MS-63, only a

few in stock, each . . . 425.00

1903-O We recently purchased a nice group of

these put away many years ago. If you want

a beautiful specimen of this extremely popular

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MS-64 for only . . . 475.00

1904-S Mint State-60 \$39; MS-63 \$79; MS-63

(PCGS) \$79; MS-64. Attractive . . . 179.00

1904-S MS-63 (PCGS). A truly outstanding ex-

ample of this very scarce and highly prized

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1921 Morgan. MS-60 \$29; MS-64, a particularly

sharp and attractive coin (it's quite scarce in

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1921-S MS-64 (PCGS) . . . 495.00

## PEACE SILVER DOLLARS



1921 Peace. MS-63 \$365; MS-64. Very frosty.

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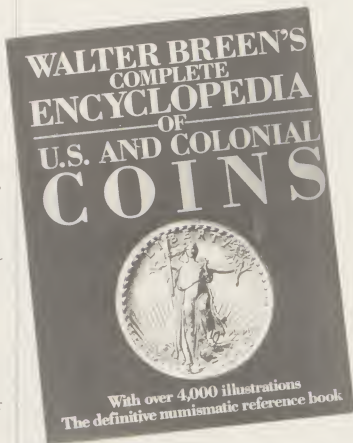
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**Yes!** I would like to take advantage of this unique numismatic opportunity! Each of these limited-edition sets will be mounted in a custom-made display holder, and will be hand numbered and personally signed by Frank Gasparro.

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ set(s) of *The Coins of Frank Gasparro* at \$125 per set. Enclosed is my check or money order for \_\_\_\_\_, or charge to my ☐ Visa, ☐ MasterCard, or ☐ American Express card.

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## Best-selling Bowers and Merena Books!

Books will be shipped separately from coins and will arrive separately. Please allow several weeks for delivery. Books will be sent via U.S. Post Office, or through UPS for large orders (in which case, please give street address.)



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**Abe Kosoff: Dean of Numismatics**, by Q. David Bowers (Stock No. BBM-164) \$19.95. A best-seller, this 351-page illustrated softbound book traces the fascinating life of one of America's most successful rare coin dealers. Starting in a modest way in 1929, Abe Kosoff became one of the most important dealers our hobby has ever seen, handling such rarities as the 1913 Liberty Head nickel and the 1804 silver dollar. This is a success story sec-

ond to none and an inspiration to anyone aspiring to be a success in the hobby. Acclaimed by reviewers!

### NUMISMATIST'S BEDSIDE COMPANION



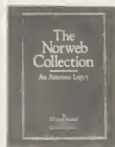
**The Numismatist's Bedside Companion**, by Q. David Bowers. (Stock No. BBM-200) \$9.95. This dandy book will furnish two or three evenings of enjoyable reading about coins, coin collecting, unusual aspects of the hobby, investment—you name it and your favorite topic is probably included among the 29 chapters! The volume is an anthology of some of the best articles from past issues of the *Rare Coin Review*, by such authors as Q. David Bowers, Dennis Loring, Walter Breen, Bruce Lorch, James F. Ruddy, and even Mark Twain. 224 pages, softbound.



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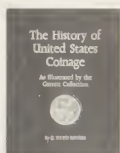
traveled from the crude gold mines of Alaska to the ornate palaces of China—and along the way amassed a fabulous collection of some of America's most priceless rarities. Includes superb photographs of the coins that shattered world price records. 288 pages, deluxe hardbound with gold-stamped cover.

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**Recollections of a Mint Director**, by Frank A. Leach. (Stock No. BLE-100) \$9.95. This great work by Q. David Bowers reprints the memoirs of Frank A. Leach, the superintendent of the San Francisco Mint from 1897 to 1907, during

the great San Francisco earthquake. Later, he was director of the entire U.S. Mint system and supervised the production of the Saint-Gaudens MCMVII High Relief \$20 gold pieces. First published in 1917, this book is "easy to read, hard to put down." (*Canadian Numismatic Journal*) 136 pages, softbound.

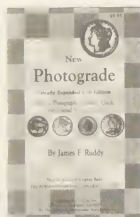


**The History of United States Coinage**, by Q. David Bowers. (Stock No. BBM-130) \$49.00. Illustrated in color by coins from the fabulous Garrett Collection catalogued by Dave Bowers and sold at auction for \$25 million, this immense volume is virtually a *university course* in American numismatics. Discussed in this 572-page deluxe hardbound book is every series from colonials onward, plus patterns and territorial. Chosen by many libraries as a basic reference on the subject. Winner of the Robert Friedberg Award and the Book of the Year Award.

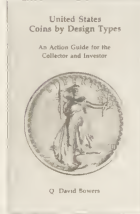
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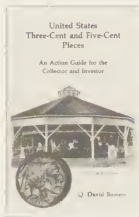
**United States Coins by Design Type: An Action Guide for the Collector and Investor**, by Q. David Bowers (Stock No. BBM-307) \$9.95. If you are assembling a type set of U.S. coins—or just wish to read a handy volume that covers every type of U.S. coin from 1793 right down to the present day—this book

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**United States Dimes, Quarters and Half Dollars: An Action Guide for the Collector and Investor**, by Q. David Bowers (Stock No. BBM-304) \$9.95. An indispensable overview of the dime, quarter, and half dollar—as well as the 20-cent piece. The book, with dozens of photographs, gives you a dealer's view of sleepers, hints when buying and selling, and historical information about popular series like the Mercury dime, the Standing Liberty quarter, and the Walking Liberty half dollar. 215 pages, softbound.



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**An Inside View of the Coin Hobby in the 1930s: The Walter P. Nichols File**, edited by Q. David Bowers (Stock No. BBM-155) \$14.95. This 144-page softbound volume contains fascinating correspondence from the private files of Walter P. Nichols, a former member of the ANA Board of Governors, the distributor of the York County (Maine) commemorative half dollar, and a leading coin dealer during the 1930s. Fascinating letters from his secret file bring to life scandals and controversies, hopes and dreams, successes and failures.

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# Special Coin Letter

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## ★ A.N.A. CONVENTION PACKAGES ★

## I'm Offering You First Pick From Our ANA Convention Purchases of PCGS and NGC Coins!

Even during relatively quiet times in the coin market, the annual American Numismatic Association summer convention is a very active event where coin buyers and sellers get together for a busy week of doing business.

Right now, demand for scarce and rare coins is exceptional and the market is, in our opinion, getting stronger every day. This year's ANA convention, therefore, promises to be a "barn burner" event and you can be assured that Bowers and Merena Galleries will be right in the middle of all the activity—buying as many "fresh" pieces and nice collections as we can find. We have set a record purchase budget for this event and will return from the convention with an exceptional number of quality coins, perhaps our best inventory in years! Among these will be some PCGS and NGC coins, all hand-picked for their aesthetic appeal.

While the ultimate goal is to return from the convention with coins that we will list separately, right now we are willing to sacrifice a good deal of profit by putting many of the new coins we buy in special packages which offer outstanding quality at significant savings to you. Now you can order an ANA package containing our very best buys from this "granddaddy" of all coin conventions, and receive a generous 5% to 10% discount from our regular prices!

The advantage for you is obvious: You will receive these hand-picked coins first—as quickly as we can ship them out to you when we return from the convention. We also benefit because it allows us to keep our inventory at a manageable level—an important consideration when dealing with the many valuable coins we will be shipping via Brink's from the convention!

Regardless of the size of the package you order, the same generous discount applies! And, each package is guaranteed to please you. If for any reason you are not 100% delighted with each and every item you receive, just return the unwanted coins—or the entire package—for an instant refund any time within 30 days of receipt. Furthermore, each coin will be listed separately on your invoice so you will know exactly the grade and price of every item in the package.

Here are the ANA packages of PCGS and NGC coins we offer:

Special Note: Each of the coins in these packages will be housed in a plastic holder as issued by PCGS or NGC, so you receive the benefits of "third party" grading at no additional charge.

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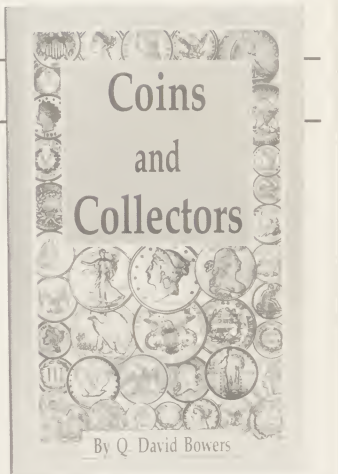
## Coins and Collectors Reprinted!

*Coins and Collectors*, a 214-page book, was written by Q. David Bowers in 1964. Since that time it has gone through multiple printings, but has been out of print for over 15 years. Now, Bowers and Merena Galleries has reprinted this early volume, with a distinctive new cover (to differentiate it from the original).

Little did Dave Bowers know in 1964 that the success of this volume would inspire him to write over three dozen others, nearly all of which have been best-sellers.

*Coins and Collectors* is indeed a book for the collector, for it tells of the history and romance of numismatics, all illustrated with interesting old-time advertisements, pictures, and catalogue pages. For the investor, there is a good deal of information, too. All in all, the volume adds up to an evening's worth of enjoyable reading.

Copies of *Coins and Collectors* (Stock No. BBM-400) are available for only \$2.95. Use the convenient form on page 8 of this *Special Coin Letter* to place your order.



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We offer you the chance to buy a copy of this book at a discount of over 20% from the cover price. You pay just \$59.95! Further, your satisfaction is guaranteed. You have 30 days to examine the book, and if you are not 100% delighted, your money will be instantly refunded!

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## ANA Package Specials

### ■ PCGS or NGC Graded Morgan Silver Dollars

When it comes to beauty, collectibility, and value, it is hard to beat the always-popular Morgan dollar series. Each of the coins in this package will be graded MS-63 or MS-64 by either PCGS or NGC and, just as importantly, by Bowers and Merena Galleries. The dates will be of our choice and we will include some of our personal favorites which, in our opinion, are currently underrated and thus undervalued. Each coin will be different and every coin is sure to please. We will have "cherry-picked" these for their aesthetic quality, so you will get superb coins!

**Package ANA-1:** At least \$1,050 to \$1,100 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$1,000

**Package ANA-2:** At least \$2,625 to \$2,750 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$2,500

**Package ANA-3:** At least \$5,250 to \$5,500 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$5,000

**Package ANA-4:** At least \$10,500 to \$11,000 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$10,000

### ■ PCGS or NGC Graded Commemorative Half Dollar Packages

At Bowers and Merena Galleries, we are always very, very selective buyers. It is hard work, but we carefully examine every coin we purchase—even if it has been graded previously by a reliable and well-respected grading service.

Order one of these "winner" ANA Commemorative Packages and you will be delighted! We will choose the types and assemble a diversified package without duplication. Any of these packages will bring a smile to your face from the moment you open it!

**Package ANA-5:** At least \$1,050 to \$1,100 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$1,000

**Package ANA-6:** At least \$2,625 to \$2,750 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$2,500

**Package ANA-7:** At least \$5,250 to \$5,500 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$5,000

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### ■ PCGS or NGC Graded Combination Packages of Morgan Dollars, Commemorative Half Dollars, and Liberty Walking Half Dollars.

High quality pieces from each of these very popular American coin series. Again, our package will contain beautiful coins (date of our choice), selected by our "picky" buyers and grading MS-63 and MS-64.

**Package ANA-9:** At least \$1,050 to \$1,100 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$1,000

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**Package ANA-11:** At least \$5,250 to \$5,500 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$5,000

**Package ANA-12:** At least \$10,500 to \$11,000 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$10,000

### ■ PCGS or NGC Graded Gold Coin Packages

What a simply beautiful selection of coins this promises to be! At the ANA convention, we will pick the "cream" from dealers' inventories and then assemble a diverse selection in a great package. Every coin will grade MS-60 or better.

**Package ANA-13:** At least \$5,250 to \$5,500 worth of coins at our regular prices for only ..... \$5,000

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### ■ The ANA Custom Package

Call me today and let's design a package that is just right for you. With the coin market heating up, our generous 5% to 10% package discount represents an outstanding value!

I will work with you and choose outstanding coins from our ANA purchases. This is your opportunity to assemble the coins you want in the superb conditions you demand!

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## Experimental Giori Press "Five Dollar" Notes

Stamp collectors will immediately recognize the name of the Giori Press, as several of our United States postage stamp designs have been printed using this process. Numismatists, however, may not be aware that Giori's Giori Press—which used modern-day technology to print multi-colored designs—has also assisted in an experimental printing of several United States currency designs. In the 1950s, we were able to produce a number of these scarce and fascinating pieces available for a limited time. Just a few years ago,

These Giori experimental "notes" have an interesting history, although many questions remain about them. They were first printed in West Germany on surplus sheets (on actual currency stock) with black face designs and maroon back designs. According to government plans, they should have been destroyed following the test printing, but they began appearing on the market soon after their initial printing. At that time, these unusual notes were considered U.S. government property and were declared illegal to own. Since then, however, the

federal government has relaxed its position on the matter, and announced that these attractive pieces may be owned by the collecting fraternity at large. There are only a few hundred of these West German pieces thought to exist.

In 1976, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing ordered another short test printing, which was conducted in Geneva, New York, on "Magna" presses. Several sheets of these experimental pieces have also surfaced, and they, too, can be legally owned by collectors. Although not as rare as the West German notes, these New York pieces are quite scarce. The pieces we offer are almost certainly from this second printing done in 1976, since the first pressing from West Germany was absorbed by the collecting community almost immediately, and almost all known specimens are in private collections.

We offer crisp, New Uncirculated pieces of the type illustrated—cut down from the original sheets into single-note size pieces—for just \$99 each, a price that is sure to please. They make a fascinating addition to any currency collection, and a delightful conversation piece for collectors in search of unusual and important items.

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A Modern Rarity  
in Superb Condition

One of the most popular Lincoln cents issued in the 1970s, the 1972 Doubled Die Obverse Lincoln cent, is a rare and popular modern issue. This coin, which often encountered in Mint Store's usual, old and newer, is a modern issue. It may be found in brilliant condition. The coin is a beautiful, solid, and fine piece. It is a rare, beautiful, and fine piece. It is a rare, beautiful, and fine piece. It is a rare, beautiful, and fine piece.

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The 1972 Doubled Die Obverse Lincoln cent, MS-65, full minted, price \$24.95.

## Jefferson Wartime Nickel Sets





## Early Date New Orleans Eagles



We recently purchased a neat selection of nice, circulated early-date New Orleans \$10 gold pieces. These attractive and affordable coins are a link with the grand old city of New Orleans, which has played an important part in the history of our country. New Orleans became the home of an operating branch mint in 1838, which continued to mint coins until 1909. These coins will make a great addition to your type set, and we are pleased to offer the following dates for your collection. These coins will not last long, so please order quickly!

1843-O \$10 EF-40	.....\$365
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## A Fortunate Purchase For Us Means Big Savings For You!

Recently we purchased from one source a large group of original U.S. Proof sets—each one carefully stored, mint fresh, and beautiful. From these sets we have carefully removed the Franklin half dollar and assembled some outstanding complete and partial Franklin half Dollar Proof sets.

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This starter collection of Franklins includes the same great quality, mint-fresh coins from 1955 through 1963. This starter set, partial collection is a great way to start. Our regular price for this nice group, which comes housed in a Capital brand holder with opening provided for the additional coins, is \$395, but while supplies last you can order a set for only \$325!

We encourage you to take advantage of this special offer right away. Don't be short out! Call and reserve one or more today!

## British Bronze Bonanza



We recently discovered a small group of British 1/3 farthings, nestled securely in a box deep inside our bank vault. These curious little Brilliant Uncirculated bronze coins feature the portrait of Edward III (1901-1910). These coins were originally minted to serve as "coins of the realm" for the island country of Malta, situated between Sicily and the coast of North Africa. Malta was, at various times in its history, conquered by Carthaginians, Romans, Arabs, the French under Napoleon, and the British.

We offer these BU links to Malta's curious and turbulent past for just \$15.95 each, or \$129 for a group of 10 coins.

Hurry on these, as we expect our limited stock of mint-red coins to sell quickly.



## "WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA" Restrike Cent

Around the year 1912, Jack Parsons, an accomplished designer who lived in Newburyport, Massachusetts, designed this for a "cent" to honor President George Washington.

This design depicted the president of Washington in facing left, with the following inscription: GEO. WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA FEBRU 22. The February 22 date is Washington's actual date of birth. Later, the calendar was revised to eliminate the error, and all earlier dates in history were moved forward by 14 days. Hence, do not consider Washington's birth date to be February 22nd.

The reverse of the Washington Restrike Cent reads: GENERAL OF THE AMERICAN ARMIES 1775 RESIDENT 1789 PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES 1789.

Original examples of the 1912 WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA cent are great rarities. Indeed, as in our *Guide Book of United States Coins*, an issue of 1936 is given for an original in just Fine grade.

Sometime around 1980 Albert Collins, a Massachusetts collector, acquired the original reverse die. The reverse had disappeared, apparently some earlier. From the reverse he struck 2,000 (uncolored) specimens on today's copper planchets. The obverse, he then then presented at the American Numismatic Association Museum.

We acquired several hundred examples of this interesting reverse. Each obverse (Bullington) is unplaned, some with a lot of natural wear, each is a genuine "Restrike WASHINGTON BORN VIRGINIA" cent.

10 coins (only \$27 apiece, at the lot for)	\$27.95
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100 coins (only \$15 apiece, at the lot for)	\$150.00





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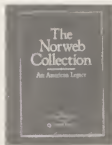
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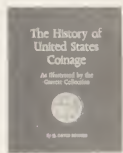
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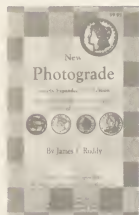


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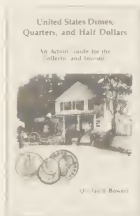
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# Special Coin Letter

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## The Coin Market Is Extremely Active. . .

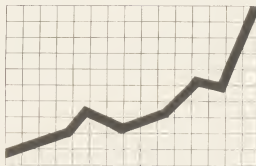
And we welcome you to be a part of it. The past two months have shown a tremendous resurgence of interest in scarce and rare United States coins, and the trend is continuing on the upward swing.

With all the recent activity in the market, we had the opportunity to acquire some outstanding type coins, silver commemorative half dollars, and better date gold coins, as well as an attractive group of MS-63 Liberty Walking half dollars and Morgan and Peace dollars.

Offered in this *Special Coin Letter* are many new items just acquired from old-time collections, estates, and other sources. Of particular interest is a nice group of Barber dimes and Standing Liberty quarters—issues that are always popular with our readers. Although space does not permit us to list all of the new Liberty Walking half dollars, Morgan dollars, and Peace dollars we recently acquired, we do invite you to telephone us right away at (800) 222-5993 and inquire about our new stock

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1908-O AU-50.....	115.00
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1927-D MS-60. Beautiful, frosty lustre with a trace of pale toning.....	215.00
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1929-D AU-55. Lustrous with light pale orange toning.....	99.00
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1819 VF-30. Well struck with pleasing light golden toning . . . . .	99.00
1820/19 VF-20. Bold overdate. Cleaned at one time . . . . .	79.00
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1836 Lettered Edge. EF-40 . . . . .	165.00
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1871-S. AU-55. Well struck. Toned around the peripheries . . . . .	350.00
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1795 Draped Bust. G-4. \$550; F-15. Bolender-15. Light gray surfaces. Well centered and problem free \$1,450; VF-30. (ANACS). B-14. Rarity-3 . . . . .	1,995.00
1796 Small Date, Large Letters. B-4a. Rarity-6. EF-40. Beautiful light toning, sharp strike, and nice eye appeal . . . . .	3,150.00
1797 9x7 Stars. Large Letters. B-1. VF-20. A nice piece for a type set . . . . .	1,450.00
1798 VG-8. \$395; VF-30. B-22. Attractive sky blue and silver surfaces . . . . .	1,095.00

# 1853 ARROWS AND RAYS

## Half Dollars



### SPECIAL PURCHASE SALE

By 1852, the actual value of silver in U.S. coins had exceeded the face value. This caused enormous amounts of our circulating coinage to be shipped overseas, where it was melted and turned into large profits for the people engaged in the ventures of this type. In 1853, in an effort to eliminate this problem, the U.S. government reduced the content of silver in its coinage, which helped stem the flow of our coinage overseas.

To designate this change, and to help identify the new "low-value" coins, arrowheads were placed at the date of the half dimes, dimes, quarters, and half dollars. The reverse of the quarter and half dollar also featured a series of rays radiating from the center of the coin. The rays were removed from the coins in 1854, making the 1853 coins a one-year type. These coins have since become one of America's most popular type coins. The arrows remained on the coins through 1855.

We made a most fortunate purchase of a small group of 1853 Arrows and Rays half dollars, and we are pleased to be able to pass the savings on to you. While they last, we offer the following coins for sale. They are attractive and well struck, and will make fine additions to your collection. Please place your order for these coins quickly, as they won't last long!

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VF-30 . . . . .	125.00
EF-45 . . . . .	265.00
AU-50. Lightly cleaned, naturally retoned . . . . .	425.00
AU-58. (NGC) . . . . .	795.00
■ 1853-O Arrows and Rays half dollar.	
EF-45 . . . . .	295.00

### From Exotic Southeast Asia Comes

## Siamese "Bullet" Money

While there are numerous forms of odd and curious money, few are more interesting and unusual than the pieces pictured here.

The pellet or bullet-shaped pieces of silver have served as a medium of exchange in Siam (now called Thailand) since medieval times and were produced in sizes ranging from tiny "specks" of silver to huge cannonball-size coins.

At Bowers and Merena Galleries, we are always looking for unusual items that will please our customers and expand their numismatic horizons. When the opportunity to purchase this group of bullet money came along, we could not resist. These "neat" coins will certainly be among the most unusual pieces in your collection.

We offer a great little four-piece collection in sizes ranging from the tiny 1/32 baht (not illustrated) to the quite large and heavy 1 baht size. Also included are the 1/8 and 1/4 baht pieces. Each coin is nicely preserved and a pleasing example of the type. Now the best part: While these pieces of bullet money catalogue for an average price of around \$20 each, you may buy the entire four-coin set at the super price of just \$19.95!

Add something really unusual to your collection without spending much money. Order one of these sets today! (Request *Siamese Bullet Coin Set*)





# HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE COLLECTION PORTFOLIO PROGRAM?

Are you interested in Morgan dollars, commemorative half dollars, or Buffalo nickels? How about Mercury dimes or Walking Liberty half dollars? The Collection Portfolio Program offers all of these and more!

What is the Collection Portfolio Program? It is a monthly acquisition program that allows you to build an exciting collection at your own pace and at your own monthly cost. By means of convenient monthly installment payments (the amount set by you), you can assemble a top-quality collection of your favorite United States coins.

Here's how the program works: Each month we will send you one or more different coins in the program you choose (for example, Lincoln cents, Morgan dollars, etc.) in the grades you have selected. These coins will be individually packaged and will be accompanied by a description of the piece, the grade, and the price. Programs are available for \$100 per month upward, depending on the program selected. You are never obligated to pay more than your established monthly amount.

The CPP is managed by Frank Van Valen, a professional numismatist on the staff of Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc. He has been collecting coins since 1961, and is a member of many national organizations, including the American Numismatic Association (for which he is the District Delegate for New Hampshire), the Great Eastern Numismatic Association, and the Liberty Seated Collectors Club. Frank works with each CPP member on an individual basis, assuring that each and every collec-



tor is satisfied with his or her monthly selection. Hundreds of collectors from around the world currently belong to the CPP—each of them assembling quality collections in their area of interest. Every participant is able to contact Frank by telephone, to discuss all aspects of numismatics, from basic "beginner's" questions to advanced numismatic inquiries.

What does one gain from joining the CPP? Besides the personal attention mentioned above, all CPP members receive a generous 20% discount on all books offered for sale by Bowers and Merena Galleries, as well as discount prices on our popular and famous "Kingswood" series of quality holders. In addition, special mailings are sent from time to time to CPP

members, outlining coins and books being offered especially to them, long before the same offerings are made to the general public. In this way, you receive "first shot" at great coins and books, and are able to add them to your collection, often at discount prices. As usual, the Bowers and Merena 30-day, money-back guarantee applies to all purchases made through the CPP plan. Here at Bowers and Merena, we are not happy until you are—and that certainly applies to the Collection Portfolio Program!

The CPP is a very flexible program, designed with you, the collector, in mind. If you would like to participate in the program—or would just like to read our free, no-obligation brochure—just fill in the coupon provided and mail it to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. The brochure explains the program in greater detail, and will answer any further questions you might have. A membership application is included with the brochure.

We know you will want to begin your membership as quickly as possible in one of Bowers and Merena's most popular programs ever. From half cents to double eagles, Bowers and Merena is building great collections through the Collection Portfolio Program!

Yes! The Collection Portfolio Program sounds very interesting! Please rush me my free, no-obligation brochure describing the CPP in greater detail, and an application form for membership.

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## A Special Collection Portfolio "Get Acquainted" Offer!

In order to introduce you to the excitement offered in the Collection Portfolio Program, we are currently accepting applications for our latest offering, the Lincoln Cent Portfolio Program. This program is designed to be an interesting yet verifiable way to collect Lincoln cents, one of the most popular series of U.S. coins ever!

This special package contains Lincoln cents dated 1934, 1935 Philadelphia, Denver, and San Francisco, 1936 PDS, 1937 PDS, 1938 PDS, and 1939 PDS. All of these coins grade MS-65, and all were selected from original rolls! Also included are two of our "Kingswood" holders, KW-103 and KW-104, which feature spaces for all the Lincoln cents from 1921 through 1946.

The current retail value of the coins and Kingswood holders is \$239, but you can purchase them for the low price of just \$199, a savings of \$40!

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Current members of the CPP are welcome to purchase this special group of Lincoln cents, as are our regular customers. There is no obligation to join the CPP, but if you order this Lincoln Cent Special, we will be glad to send you CPP information with your order. We're always happy to help any of our customers get started on their Lincoln cent collection!



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1870-CC VF-20. Scarce and popular Carson City Mint issue.....	395.00
1871 AU-55. Brilliant and frosty with a very sharp strike.....	695.00

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1875-S AU-55. Sharply struck with frosty central devices.....	439.00
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1880 Proof-50. Proof-only issue. Just 1,987 minted. Brilliant and sharp.....	1,150.00
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1858 EF-45.....	239.00
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1862 AU-50.....	279.00
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1815 VF-30. Nice type coin.....	325.00
1816 VF-20.....	295.00
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1851-O EF-40.....	295.00
1873 Closed 3. EF-45. Sharply struck and very lustrous.....	249.00
1913 EF-45 \$19; AU-50 \$225; AU-55. Well struck and frosty.....	345.00

## A Superb Selection of Franklin Half Dollars



During the past month we have made some interesting and substantial purchases of both Uncirculated and Proof Franklin halves. We now have the largest inventory of the year, and suggest that you make your selections now while our supply lasts.

As you will note, we have included some "package" deals within this listing. Because we were able to buy hundreds and hundreds of choice original Proof sets at very good prices, we are able to pick out the finest half dollars and offer them at considerable savings.

These are very nice coins! Order early so that we can fill your complete order and please list alternatives when possible.

1948 MS-63 \$29; MS-64 FBL, frosty. \$69; MS-65 FBL.....	175.00
1948-D MS-63 \$21; MS-64 \$59; MS-64 FBL \$79; MS-65 FBL, attractively toned.....	199.00
1949 Mint State-63 \$69; MS-64 FBL \$125; MS-65 FBL.....	295.00
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1953-D MS-63 \$13; MS-64 FBL.....	69.00
1953-S Mint State-63 \$29; Mint State-64 \$79; MS-65.....	145.00
1954 MS-63 \$16; MS-65 \$149; Proof-65 \$99. Purchase five lovely coins for \$475, or a 10-coin lot for just.....	899.00
1954-D MS-63 \$13; MS-64 \$125; MS-65, nicely toned.....	199.00
1954-S MS-63 \$21; MS-65, great quality \$145.00.....	
1955 MS-64 \$75; MS-65. Attractively toned. \$145; Proof-65 \$195, or a group of five coins for \$455, or put away a 10-coin lot for the money-saving price of.....	850.00
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1958 MS-63 \$15; MS-65 \$145; Proof-65 \$69. Take a group of five for only \$325, or order 10 very pleasing Proof-65 pieces for just.....	595.00
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1902 Proof-60 or better. An exceedingly rare issue with just 114 Proofs struck. Deep mirrored surfaces surround heavily frosted devices. Very nice. . . . . 10,500.00  
1904-S AU-55 \$595; MS-63. A fully lustrous example. . . . . 1,395.00  
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1906-D MS-60. . . . . 895.00  
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# Special Coin Letter

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## Take Advantage of the Excitement in the Coin Hobby!

By now, most of you have probably heard some extremely positive reports about the ANA convention in Cincinnati. Collectors, investors, and dealers alike left the convention amazed at the high level of activity and excitement in the numismatic field. Make no mistake about it: the coin market is hot and getting hotter.

Here at Bowers and Merena, we weren't surprised. We've been noticing a steady upswing in enthusiasm—especially in the area of genuinely scarce and rare coins—for more than a year. Our own sales are at record high levels. So we have been working overtime to track down quality coins; combing through old collections, estates, and other holdings to acquire the coins that you want.

### Carefully selected coins

This issue of the *Special Coin Letter* offers an array of carefully selected, reasonably priced coins that will complement any collection, whether you are a new collector just starting out or an experienced connoisseur. Please look carefully through our listings of popular American coins—from half dimes to double eagles. There is sure to be something that you need for your collection. Naturally, each and every coin is backed up by our money-back guarantee of satisfaction. You have a full 30 days to be sure that each and every coin you order is in the grade you want, has the striking, lustre, surface appeal, aesthetic appearance, and anything else you want. If for any other reason you are not completely delighted, an instant refund awaits you. What could be more fair?

We are also delighted to offer in this issue some unusual items for you—coins from around the world. From Finland, we have acquired Brilliant Uncirculated silver coins, rich in history and attractive in appearance. We also feature the famous "Spade" guineas from England, a golden memento of King George III, our country's chief foe during the Revolutionary War!

### High-quality medals

Moving from history to today's headlines, another highlight of this issue is our brand-new 1988 Bowers



**"The coin market is hot and getting hotter."**

and Merena medals, featuring presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis. These are strictly limited edition Gem Proof .999 silver medals, larger than a silver dollar, created by former chief engraver of the United States Mint, Frank Gasparro. These high quality numismatic medals are lovely examples of the engraver's art, and a wonderful memento of this important 1988 presidential campaign.

Finally, we wanted to mention one other noteworthy occurrence at the ANA convention. At the numismatic literary award presentations, *Walter Breen's Encyclopedia of United*

*States and Colonial Coins* won two of the major honors—the Robert Friedberg Award given by the Professional Numismatists Guild, and the Book of the Year Award from the Numismatic Literary Guild. Breen's *Encyclopedia* certainly deserved to win; it is one of the most important reference books ever published, and we are delighted to be able to offer it for sale in this issue. If you do not yet have your copy, order one today, and take advantage of our special discount price. We have sold thousands of copies to delighted buyers!

### 35 years of satisfaction

Since we first started business in 1953, we have been keeping discriminating numismatists happy with our quality and service. Indeed, many of our clients have been ordering from us from 1953, and we are proud to have earned their trust and business for those 35 years. However, if you have never ordered from us, why not send a trial order from this issue? I sincerely believe that once you experience the "Bowers and Merena difference," you will want to order from us for the next 35 years!

But whether you are an "old-timer" with us, or this is your first issue, now is the time to take advantage of the recent surge in the coin market. Use this *Special Coin Letter* to climb aboard, and take advantage of all the activity and excitement! Sincerely,

Tom Becker  
Senior Numismatist  
Bowers and Merena Galleries, Inc.



## Half Dimes

1797 16 Stars. EF-40. Popular type issue. Very scarce . . . . .	3,850.00
1837 Capped Bust. Large 5C on reverse. About Uncirculated-55 . . . . .	295.00
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1854 Arrows at Date. AU-50 . . . . .	150.00
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1875-CC Ver. Error \$7 \$475; EF-45 \$795; AU-50 . . . . .	2,085.00
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1806 VF-20. Browning only. Would make a nice "type" piece . . . . .	705.00
1853 Arrows at date, rays on reverse. MS-60. A beauty! Important issue . . . . .	905.00
1854 Arrows at date. AU-55 . . . . .	495.00
1868-S F-12 . . . . .	90.00
1877-CC MS-60 \$695; MS-62 (NGC) \$895; MS-63 . . . . .	995.00
1893-O MS-64. The reverse, if graded separately, would merit a designation of MS-66. A simply superb specimen . . . . .	1,450.00
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1917-S Type II. EF-45 . . . . .	120.00
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1924-D AU-58 . . . . .	140.00
1926 AU-50, an ideal "type" coin . . . . .	50.00
1926-D MS-63 . . . . .	340.00
1927 MS-63 . . . . .	340.00
1927-D MS-63. A lustrous example of this low-mintage issue . . . . .	395.00
1929 MS-63 \$349; MS-63 Full Head . . . . .	395.00
1929-D EF-40 . . . . .	45.00
1930 AU-50 \$59; MS-63 Full Head. Pleasing example . . . . .	395.00

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1827 Square Base 2. VF-30 \$89; EF-40 . . . . .	135.00
1829 EF-40 . . . . .	135.00
1832 EF-45 . . . . .	165.00
1833 EF-45 . . . . .	165.00
1834 Large Date, Small Letters. EF-45 . . . . .	165.00
1837 AU-55 \$695; MS-60. A very popular type issue . . . . .	950.00
1838 AU-50 . . . . .	495.00

1839 Capped Bust. About Uncirculated-55 \$695; MS-60 . . . . .	895.00
1840 Small Letters. AU-58 (NGC) . . . . .	650.00
1842-O Small Date. VG-8. A rarity in the series. Elusive in all grades . . . . .	95.00
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1844-O AU-58 . . . . .	520.00
1845-O VG-8 . . . . .	200.00
1849-O AU-58. Frosty with pale peripheral toning . . . . .	395.00
1853 Arrows at date. Rays on reverse. VF-30 \$125; EF-45 \$265; AU-58 (NGC) . . . . .	795.00
1854 Arrows. AU-55 . . . . .	695.00
1854-O Arrows. EF-45 \$250; AU-50 \$395; AU-55 . . . . .	695.00
1855-O Arrows. EF-45 \$250; AU-50 \$395; AU-55 . . . . .	695.00
1856 AU-50 . . . . .	240.00
1856-O AU-50 \$239; AU-55 . . . . .	425.00
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1857-O AU-55 . . . . .	325.00
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1858-O AU-50 \$239; MS-60 . . . . .	650.00
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1859-O Extremely Fine-45 \$199; AU-50 \$239; AU-55 . . . . .	250.00
1861 AU-55 . . . . .	325.00
1861-O AU-50 \$239; AU-55 \$125; MS-60, nice . . . . .	795.00
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1871 Proof-60. Gorgeous old-time iridescent toning. At a glance, it appears to be Proof-65 or finer! A delightful item for the collector appreciating high quality, even though the "technical grade" is just Proof-60 . . . . .	895.00

## Golden Guineas of George III



As most Americans can tell you, George III was the King of England when the colonies in North America declared their independence. We know and remember George III for this reason, yet few people realize that George was responsible for some interesting coinage designs. Among these interesting and popular designs was the "Spade Guinea," so-called owing to the design on the reverse, a shield shaped much like a playing card device. These "Spade Guineas" are minted of .917 fine gold, with a weight of more than eight grams.

These unusual 18th-century gold coins are offered here in nice AU condition, and they are priced just right. We offer the following dates at attractive prices!

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# 1988 Presidential Campaign Medals

*Limited Edition Gem Silver Proofs*



With the 1988 election season heating up, now is the perfect time to unveil our dazzling new Bowers and Merena one-ounce silver, *limited edition* medals—featuring obverse portraits of presidential candidates George Bush and Michael Dukakis.

## *Created by a master*

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## *A pure silver work of art*

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## *Guaranteed low mintage*

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## *Important and desirable*

Considering the significance of Frank Gasparro, the importance of the 1988 presidential elections, and the superb beauty and quality of these medals, this is sure to be one of the most important and desirable medallion creations of our time.

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1893-O AU-55 .....	495.00
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1949-D MS-63 .....	69.00
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1952-S Mint State-63 \$42; MS-64 \$79; MS-65 (PCGS) .....	130.00
1953-S MS-64 \$79; MS-65 (PCGS) .....	130.00
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1881-S Mint State-63 \$79; Mint State-63 (PCGS) \$79; MS-64 .....	189.00
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1882-S MS-64 .....	189.00
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1887 MS-64 .....	179.00
1888 MS-63 (PCGS) .....	79.00
1889 MS-60 .....	37.00
1890 S MS-60 .....	79.00
1894-CC MS-60 .....	219.00
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1898-O Mint State-63 \$89; MS-63 (PCGS) \$89; MS-64 .....	179.00
1899-O Mint State-63 \$89; MS-64 .....	189.00
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1852 EF-40 .....	395.00
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1895-O AU-50 .....	175.00
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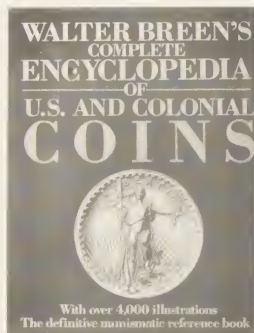


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- 1878 8 Tailfeathers.** MS-64. A pleasing, shiny example of this popular and elusive issue. Central devices are sharply struck and fully frosty. The coin is mostly brilliant save for a trace of golden orange peripheral toning. A nice original example of the issue . . . 595.00
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## Silver Coins of the Roman Empire



We recently purchased a small "hoard" of ancient Roman silver coins. These quarter dollar-sized coins, known as antoniniani, are from the reigns of Gordian III (AD 238-244), Philip I (AD 244-249), Otacilia Severa, wife of Philip I (AD 244-249), Philip II, son of, and joint ruler with Philip I (AD 247-249), and Trajan Decius (AD 249-251). All of these coins grade EF, with strong strikes and great eye appeal. Best of all, they are priced at just \$49 each, or, if you prefer, you may order a group of four different obverse and reverse combinations for just \$185.



## CONFEDERATE STATES ★ \$100 Note ★



This interesting uniface Confederate States of America note was printed in 1862 by J.T. Paterson, Columbia, South Carolina. It features a milkmaid at the lower left, and a steaming locomotive as its central vignette. Part of an initial printing of \$165 million face value to help finance the South's Civil War debt, these notes later became worthless as the Confederacy printed more and more "paper." These notes saw actual use as a viable currency, as the reverse of each is stamped, "Interest Paid To 1 July 1863," and, "Interest Paid To 1 January 1864." These choice EF notes are available for just \$21. Here is an ideal opportunity to own a genuine piece of C.S.A. history.

## Colorful \$3 Notes OF FLORIDA



■ During the Civil War, many of the Confederate States printed currency redeemable in lawful money at their respective state capitals. These interesting Florida notes were redeemable at the state capital of Tallahassee on January 1, 1864, and were signed by C.H. Austin, Treasurer, and John Milton, Governor.

■ These colorful uniface notes bear vignettes of sailing ships, a hart in a forest, and an attractive representation of "Hope." The numeral 3 appears twice in red, as well as "Three" in large red letters on the face. These notes were printed by Keatinge & Ball, Columbia, South Carolina, who also printed much of the currency for the Confederate States of America.

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## Fractional Currency Special



During the Civil War the shortage of circulating pocket change caused many individuals and small businesses to issue tokens and scrip in an attempt to relieve the small change shortage. By far the most

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We recently acquired a small accumulation of third issue (December 5, 1864 to August 16, 1869) 10-cent notes which feature George Washington in an ornate oval frame surrounded by the legend: United States Fractional Currency, and a gold-embossed numeral 10 in each of the four corners. The fancy dark green reverse vignette is overprinted with a large numeral 10. We offer two varieties of fractional currency; they are identical except that the second type features a tiny numeral 1 at the far left-center of the face.

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## MORGAN DOLLARS CONTINUED

**1889 Proof-60 to 63.** Fully brilliant with reflective fields. Razor-sharp strike. Well-struck Proof-63 overall if it were not for some light hairlines on both sides. 12,500.00

**1889-CC MS-63.** An outstanding example of this rare and highly desirable issue. The coin is very sharply struck and exhibits extraordinary detail. The central device is fully frosted and is surrounded by frosty, selective, problem-free fields. The surface is free of any major detracting marks. A piece that would enhance even the most advanced Morgan dollar collector. 7,500.00

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**1891 MS-64.** A beautiful, original piece with subdued full mint luster, rose, pale orange, rose and gold. Very attractive and strong piece. 4,000.00

**1892-S AU-50.** An extremely rare example of the series. Mostly brilliant with some frosty areas in protected areas. 7,500.00

**1893-CC MS-62.** Sharp strike and frosty areas enhance the overall appearance of the piece. The central device is very sharp and well-struck, surrounded by frosty, selective, problem-free fields. 1,000.00

**1893-S VF-35.** A pleasing, attractive example of this key Morgan dollar issue. The coin is frosty, selective, and pale orange, mostly around the periphery, areas of original mint luster elsewhere. 2,500.00

**1893-S EF-45 to AU-50.** A well-struck piece with nice detail and full mint luster. The areas of weakness are directly above, below, and to the right of weakness in the single breast. The coin is mostly brilliant, but is highlighted by a whisper of frosty areas in the device. Much of the original mint luster is visible throughout the coin and adds to the attractiveness of the piece. A rare and important date in the series. 3,000.00

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**1901 AU-58.** Just a whisper from full Mint State preservation. Fully lustrous and frosty in beautiful, selective fields. Very rare and popular. 4,000.00

**1902-S MS-64.** A beautiful example of this elusive issue. The piece is toned a warm gray with highlights of sky blue and pale gold. Attractive, with satiny surfaces. 12,500.00

## PEACE DOLLARS

**1921 Peace MS-64.** A breathtakingly beautiful example with outstanding eye appeal. The coin has superb satiny surfaces and a well-struck. 8,000.00

**1934-S AU-55.** A very attractive example of the key date in the Peace dollar series. This coin has superb luster for AU-55 classification. The piece is sharply struck and lightly toned in golden iridescence. Call quickly, as only 1,000 one. 1,000.00

## Gold Dollars

**1853-C EF-45.** A sharply struck and lustrous specimen of this low mintage (700) issue. Only 11,515 were struck. 1,100.00

**1854 Type II EF-45.** Well-struck specimen with attractive mint luster. 750.00

**1855 Type II EF-40.** Well-struck and pleasing with attractive mint luster around the periphery. Thin scratch on reverse. EF-45 5745; AU-50. Lustrous and well-struck. 600.00

**1873 Open 3. MS-60.** Sharply struck with reflective surfaces and pleasing. 1,000.00

## Quarter Eagles

### CLASSIC HEAD TYPE

**1838 Extremely Fine-45.** Rich, deep golden toning characterizes this low mintage issue, one of only 47,030 struck. 625.00

**1839-D AU-55.** A lustrous, high-grade specimen of the first Dahlonega Mint quarter eagle. Rather typical strike for the issue. Only 11,674 examples struck. 1,000.00

### CORONET TYPE

**1842-O EF-45.** A sharply struck example of this scarce issue. Much original mint luster remains in protected areas. Nice, problem-free surfaces. 850.00

**1845-D EF-45.** A lovely, lustrous specimen which is well-struck in the centers, unusual for a Dahlonega Mint coin. Only 14,400 in this variety were struck. 1,000.00

**1847-D EF-45.** Well-struck, with detail on the eagle's right leg visible. Lustrous with highly reflective surfaces. 650.00

**1855-C AU-50.** A very rare and desirable item among Charlotte Mint gold coin collections. This coin is well-struck with just a trace of weakness on the eagle's left leg. 3,000.00

**1856 AU-58.** A lustrous and sharply struck specimen. 525.00

**1872-S AU-50.** Attractively toned in pale coppery shades. Scarce date, only 18,000 struck in all. Very scarce in AU grade. 750.00

**1894 MS-64.** A stunning, outstanding specimen of this rare issue. Only 4,122 pieces were struck in all. Full and attractive cartwheel mint luster. A price for the specialist. 6,200.00

**1902 MS-60.** A lovely, lustrous little gem which is sharply struck. 895.00

**1903 MS-60 or finer.** A lovely specimen with a superb, original mint luster. One of the best ever looking out for sale. 1,100.00

**1904 MS-60.** Brilliant, with overall reflective fields and a high strike. 800.00

**1906 MS-60.** A lovely specimen with overall reflective fields and a high strike. 800.00

**1907 MS-60.** A lovely specimen with overall reflective fields and a high strike. 800.00

## INDIAN HEAD TYPE

**1914-D MS-61 (PCGS).** A beautiful specimen of one of the first Indian Head quarter eagle type strikes. 1,100.00

## \$3 Gold Pieces

**1854 EF-45.** From the famous 179 specimen of the first issue in 1854. AU-55. Very sharp strike, is a lustrous and lustrous example. 8,500.00 (PCGS). A lovely specimen which is one of the best. 1,000.00

**1854 MS-63 (PCGS).** An outstanding specimen with frosty, selective, problem-free fields. A high-grade type. 1,000.00

**1855 EF-40.** Mint luster may be seen in the protected area. Problem-free. 1,100.00

**1856 EF-45.** Pleasing mint luster may be seen around the periphery. AU-50. A lovely example, which has pleasing rose, orange, and frost. 2,500.00

**1857 EF-40.** Lustrous and well-struck. Toned in pale rose hues. 750.00

**1858 EF-40.** A pleasing example of the issue. One of only 2,111 struck. 4,500.00

**1860 AU-50.** An attractive piece with breathtaking original mint luster and high low mintage issue, only 7,555 were struck. 1,000.00

**1861 EF-40.** Lustrous 1861 MS-60. Exceptional quality! A beautiful specimen, with attractive pale golden brown toning. Only 6,000 were struck. 6,500.00

**1864 EF-45 (PCGS).** An attractive, lightly toned example of the popular 1864 variety. \$1,650; AU-50 (PCGS). A beautiful specimen. Only 2,680 were struck of this variety. 1,500.00

**1864 Repunched date AU-50.** A lustrous and well-struck example of this variety, only showing repunching in the first two numerals of the date. 1,500.00

**1867 AU-58.** Just a whisper from full Mint State preservation. A lustrous and frosty specimen, with partially reflective surfaces and pleasing toning. Low mintage issue; only 2,680 struck. Extremely underrated. 2,500.00

**1869 About Uncirculated-55.** An exceedingly sharply struck piece with pleasing, reflective surfaces toned rose and pale orange. A lovely example of this low mintage issue. Only 2,525 were struck. 1,000.00

**1870 EF-45.** Mostly brilliant and sharp, with a few, scattered contact marks. A low mintage issue. Only 3,535 were struck. 1,425.00



## \$3 GOLD PIECES

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- 1874 AU-55 (PCGS). Brilliant and lustrous, with mint frost on both surfaces. 1795/00
- 1878 AU-55 (PCGS). Very lustrous and well struck. Nice, problem-free surfaces. A lovely example. A piece sure to please. 1,495/00
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- 1881 MS-63. A superb piece with a razor-sharp strike and deep mirrored surfaces enhanced by pale orange toning. A very nice specimen of this great American gold coin rarity. Only 554 pieces were struck! 6,950/00

## Half Eagles

- 1807 Bust Right. Breen 2-C. Rarity-6. AU-58. A brilliant, lustrous example of this elusive combination. Some faint adjustment marks can be seen on the reverse as made. There are six varieties of 1807 Bust Right half eagles described in the Breen monograph, and this variety is listed as being the second scarcest. A coin worthy of careful consideration by the early gold specialist. 4,950/00
- 1809/8 B 1-A. AU-50. Brilliant with most mint lustre still intact. Some faint rubs on the high-points and fields are the only evidence of brief circulation. Popular with numismatists assembling type sets as well as with date collectors. 3,995/00
- 1809/8 B 1-A. AU-58. Another example of this desirable issue. Brilliant, frosty, and attractive. Destined to grace an outstanding early 19th century gold type or date set. 4,650/00
- 1839-C AU-50. Brilliant with traces of original mint frost around the stars, letters, numerals, and in other protected areas. The 1839-C half eagle is a rare variety in high grades of condition. In a survey of 337 important auction sales, David Akers was able to find 15 appearances of examples grading About Uncirculated or better. 1,650/00
- 1844-D AU-50. Sharply struck and toned in a mottled orange shade. Not rare as a date but elusive in this condition. 1,895/00
- 1847 AU-50 (PCGS). Satiny with washes of light orange-golden redness. Attractive and well above average. 1,625/00
- 1849-C AU-50. Brilliant with traces of original mint lustre. Much nicer than the typically encountered specimen. 1,395/00
- 1854 AU-50 (PCGS). Well struck and lustrous for the grade. A very scarce coin in this condition, very probably Rarity-6. 625/00
- 1857 AU-55 (PCGS). Lightly toned in an attractive coppery shade with most design details well defined. 750/00
- 1902-S MS-60. Brilliant and frosty. 595/00
- 1905-S AU-58. Rare this nice. 525/00
- 1907-D MS-63. Brilliant, frosty, and sharply struck. Appealing in every way. 675/00
- 1908 Liberty AU-55 \$525; AU-58 (PCGS) \$589; MS-60. An attractive example from the last year of the type. 675/00

## Eagles

- 1839 Type of '40. Fine-15. Small Letters variety. Attractive. 695/00
- 1849/8 Overdate. EF-45. A high grade example of the second overdate variety, with clear traces of a numeral 8 underlying the final digit in the date. Later obverse state, cracked from rim through neck. 2,995/00
- 1856-S EF-45 \$850; EF-45 (PCGS) 850/00
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- 1885-S AU-58 (PCGS). Scarce date. 595/00
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- 1892-S MS-60, or finer. Lustrous. 595/00
- 1893 MS-60. Lustrous and frosty. 650/00
- 1893-O AU-58. Scarce date, just 17,000 minted. This specimen is quite lustrous. 875/00
- 1899 MS-60. Lustrous and attractive \$650; MS-60/63. Very attractive. 750/00
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- 1901-S MS-60. Frosty and lustrous \$650; MS-60/63. 750/00
- 1902-S Mint State-60 \$675; MS-63. Lustrous and frosty. 800/00
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- 1908 With Motto. About Uncirculated-55 \$695; AU-58. 750/00
- 1908-D With Motto. EF-40. 595/00
- 1910 AU-50. 675/00
- 1910-D MS-60. Lustrous and frosty. 895/00
- 1911 AU-50 \$650; AU-55. 695/00
- 1911-D AU-55 (PCGS). Lustrous and frosty. Scarce; only 30,100 struck. 1,095/00
- 1912 AU-55. 695/00
- 1913 AU-50. \$675; AU-55. 695/00
- 1914 EF-40 \$595; MS-62 (PCGS). Frosty and lustrous, faint toning visible. 1,595/00
- 1914-D AU-50 \$650; AU-58. 750/00
- 1915 AU-50 \$675; AU-58 (PCGS) 795/00
- 1926 AU-50. 675/00
- 1932 AU-55 \$695; AU-58. 750/00

## Double Eagles

- 1850 EF-40. Nice, warm golden toning. Rare variety, open 5 in date, broken A in STATES. Popular, first year of regular production of the denomination. 825/00
- 1851-O VF-30. A nice example of the first New Orleans Mint issue double eagle \$795; EF-40. Only 315,000 struck. 995/00
- 1852-O EF-40. Lustrous. Sharp strike. 995/00

- 1861-S AU-50. Well struck, attractive and highly lustrous. The 1861-S is a very scarce coin in any grade above EF-40. 795/00
- 1867 AU-58 (PCGS). Lustrous. 995/00
- 1869-S EF-40. Perfect Dies variety. Mint lustre may be seen in the protected areas. Large date logotype. 795/00
- 1872-CC Very Fine-30. A rare variety, only 26,900 struck. Lustrous, particularly on the reverse. A very nice specimen for the Carson City Mint specialist. 1,150/00
- 1873-S EF-45. Closed 3. Scarce variety. This piece has attractive mint lustre around the protected areas in the obverse and across much of the reverse. 995/00
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- 1877-CC EF-45. Scarce date, only 42,563 struck. A lustrous specimen. 995/00
- 1892-CC AU-55. Very scarce date, a mere 27,265 struck. Much better condition than usually seen, as David Akers reports the average grade of this variety is EF-45. Version in Mint State. 3,900/00
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- 1903 Mint State-60 \$795; Mint State-63. Lustrous and sharply struck, with attractive mint frost in the fields. There is a small toning spot on the reverse. 1,695/00
- 1904 MS-60 \$750; MS-63. Lustrous. \$1,295; Mint State-63, prooflike. A lovely specimen with prooflike surfaces and appealing deep warm gold color. 1,295/00
- 1904-S MS-63. 1,395/00
- 1905-S MS-60. Lustrous. 895/00
- 1906-D MS-60. Perfect Mintmark. 895/00
- 1907 Liberty Head. AU-55. 595/00
- 1907-D Liberty Head. AU-50. 625/00

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- MCMVII (1907) High Relief. Wire Edge. F-15. Saint-Gaudens type. A very nice example for the budget-minded numismatist who wants to acquire an example of this beautiful American classic. 2,950/00
- 1908-D With Motto. AU-58. 995/00
- 1910-D MS-63. A lustrous example of this Denver Mint issue. 1,495/00
- 1910-S MS-63. 1,995/00
- 1912 AU-55. 895/00
- 1913-S AU-55. A nice example of this scarce date, only 34,000 pieces struck. 1,125/00
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# Special Coin Letter

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## Great Values—Nice Quality

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e are pleased to offer you in this issue of the *Special Coin Letter* an outstanding group of silver commemorative half dollars. many new items have been added to our vast inventory, and there is sure to be something of interest to you.

Among the highlights are an outstanding MS-63 Isabella quarter, an MS-63 Alabama with the 2x2 in the field, a Gem Uncirculated Albany, and beautiful 1928 Hawaiian half in AU-58, as well as a superb, extremely rare 1922 Grant with Star grading MS-65 and certified by PCGS!

In addition, we offer a nice selection of early Liberty Seated half dollars, as well as an extensive offering of early Bust dollars.

Don't see the coin you need? Call anyway, as we are constantly obtaining interesting and desirable items, but simply do not have the space to advertise them. In fact, why not send along the Want List form on page 5 to the attention of Liz Arlin, and she can let you know what new items have been acquired recently. Liz is eager to work with you in helping you obtain the items you require to complete your collection. You are not obligated to purchase anything, but you do have the distinct advantage of knowing about all of our new purchases before they are advertised. Liz has helped many clients locate coins they had been trying to acquire for years! Let someone else do the work for you—at no additional charge! Liz looks forward to hearing from you!

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## Half Cents

1849 EF-45. Breen-4. Medium brown... 129.00

## Half Dimes

1833 EF-40. Valentine-6. Strong strike... 149.00  
1835 EF-45. V-7. Very attractive... 169.00  
1837 Liberty Seated. No Stars. VF-30... 89.00  
1839-O No Stars. VG-8. Nice type coin... 139.00  
1839-O EF-40. Shattered reverse die... 69.00  
1840 No Drapery. EF-40. Lovely gold and green toning... 49.00  
1851-O F-15. Very nice... 35.00  
1852-O F-12. Scarce; nice eye appeal... 69.00  
1854 Arrows. EF-45. Bold strike... 89.00  
1855 Arrows. EF-40. The variety with the Arrows in base of rock... 49.00  
1856-O VF-20. Tough Philadelphia date... 169.00  
1868 VF-20. Tough Philadelphia date... 49.00  
1872 EF-45. Nice golden toning... 69.00

## Dimes

1814 Large Date. VF-20. A nice example of this popular variety... 109.00  
1892 Barber. EF-45. Rainbow toning around the peripheries... 39.00  
1893 AU-55. Pale golden toning... 99.00  
1894 AU-50. Hints of golden highlights... 89.00  
1896-O EF-40. Scarce and attractive... 199.00  
1896-S AU-50. Gorgeous pale rose and lavender tones... 259.00  
1897 AU-50. Very nice golden tones... 89.00  
1898 AU-50. Nice golden hues... 89.00  
1900 AU-50. Pale golden and blue hues... 89.00  
1901 AU-50. Sea-green and blue toning... 89.00  
1905 AU-55. Brilliant and eye appealing... 99.00  
1906-S EF-45. A coin with a sharp strike and golden highlights... 49.00

## Quarters

1856 EF-40... 89.00  
1892 Barber. EF-45. Attractive gold and blue toning... 119.00  
1895 EF-45. Much lustre remains... 119.00  
1896 AU-50. Nice golden obverse... 149.00  
1898 EF-45. Pleasing blue toning among the obverse stars... 119.00  
1903 AU-50. A sharp strike with just a hint of gold toning... 149.00  
1904 EF-45... 119.00  
1909 AU-50. Nice lustre... 149.00  
1915 EF-45... 119.00  
1917 Type I. Standing Liberty. AU-55. Attractive lustre... 189.00  
1918-D EF-45. Well struck... 85.00



## Half Dollars

1627 Square 2. VF-20. Overton-122. Exceptionally scarce; a Rarity-5!	139.00
1833 VF-30. O-108. Rarity-1. Quite nice for the grade	89.00
1836 Lettered Edge. EF-45. Lustrous	\$65.00
1839 No Drapery variety. VG-8. Small cut on reverse	32.00
1839 No Drapery. EF-45. A pleasing example of this scarce issue	695.00
1840 Small Letters. VF-20. Repunched date. Scarce	115.00
1840 Small Letters. EF-40 \$149; AU-58. (NGC). Attractive	650.00
1842 Small Date. AU-50. Harshly cleaned obverse	95.00
1842 Medium Date. EF-45. Repunched date \$229; AU-55. Repunched date	325.00
1842-O Small Date. G-4 \$625; VG-8. Rare in any grade	750.00
1842-O Medium Date. F-12	32.00
1843 EF-45	159.00
1844 EF-40 \$95; EF-45	189.00
1844-O EF-40 \$88; AU-58. Choice	525.00
1845 VF-20	115.00
1845-O VF-20. Repunched date	59.00
1846 AU-50. Small Date. Repunched 6	189.00
1846 Tilt Date. AL-50 \$199; AU-55	219.00
1846 Medium Date. MS-60. A very appealing example	695.00
1847-O VF-30	89.00
1848 G-4 \$69; EF-45. Repunched 4	389.00
1848-O VF-30 or better	85.00
1849 AU-50. Well struck	259.00
1849-O EF-40 \$199; AU-50 \$229; MS-63. Struck from reversed obverse die	1595.00
1850 EF-40. Open 5. Rare	695.00
1850-O F-12. Open 5. Draped drapery. A very scarce issue	119.00
1850-O AL-50. Draped with a hint of light toning	69.00
1850-A F-15	69.00
1852 VF-30. Rare	57.00
1852-O VF-20. Obverse scratches and attempted paring	89.00
1853 Arrows and Rays. F-15 \$59; VF-20 \$89; EF-40 \$129; AU-50	259.00
1854 Arrows. EF-45 \$29; AU-55	695.00
1854-O VF-20 \$45; EF-45 \$250; AU-50 \$189; AU-55	95.00
1855 4 Arrows. VG-8. Late die state	75.00
1855 Arrows. AU-50	150.00
1855-O Arrows. EF-45 \$250; AU-50	105.00
1855-O Horizontal O. AU-58. Very rare. A prize for the specialist	1,095.00
1855-S AU-50. A nice example of the exceedingly rare issue	3,995.00
1856 AU-50	145.00
1856-O AU-50	289.00
1856-O AU-55. Doubled date	925.00
1857 EF-45 \$109; AU-50 \$239; AU-55 \$225; AU-58 \$475; MS-60	650.00
1857-O F-12. Small edge nicks	29.00
1857-O VG-8	50.00
1858 VF-30 \$46; EF-45 \$199; AU-50 \$239; AU-55 \$215; AU-58	475.00
1858-O VF-30 \$95; EF-45 \$199; AU-50 \$235; MS-60	650.00

1858-S VF-20	120.00
1859 AU-50. Small reverse defect \$395; AU-55 Sharp	459.00
1859-O EF-40 \$159; EF-45 \$199; AU-50 \$239; AU-55	259.00
1859-S VF-20	32.00
1860-O F-12 \$45; AU-55	325.00
1860-S VG-8	45.00
1861 VG-8 \$21; AU-55 \$325; AU-58 \$475; MS-60	795.00
1861-O AU-50 \$239; AU-55 \$325; MS-60 \$795; MS-61. (PCGS)	1,195.00
1861-S F-12	35.00
1862 VF-20	135.00
1862-S VF-20 \$55; AU-55	325.00
1863 G-6	25.00
1863-S F-15 \$43; AU-50 \$259; AU-55	325.00
1864 VF-30	110.00
1864-S VF-20. Small S variety	69.00
1865 GVG	29.00
1866 VF-30. With Motto	85.00
1866-S EF-45. No Motto	450.00
1866 F-15. With Motto	40.00
1867 MS-63. Scarce and attractive	1,895.00
1867-S F-15. Leaning S variety	39.00
1868 VF-30	185.00
1868-S F-15	42.00
1869 VG-8	25.00
1869-S F-12	39.00
1870 EF-45	195.00
1870-CC VG-8. Rare issue. Some obverse scratches	695.00
1871 VF-20 \$69; AU-50 \$259; MS-62 (NGC) \$995; Proof-60	895.00
1871-CC F-12. Small obverse rim bump	185.00
1871-S F-12 \$30; EF-40. Weak mintmark variety \$119; AU-55	350.00
1872 F-30 \$69; EF-40 \$169; EF-45	199.00
1872-CC VG-8	110.00
1872-S VG-8 \$47.50; EF-40	269.00
1873 VG-8. No Arrows, Closed 3	45.00
1873 Arrows. VF-20. An attractive and original example	89.00
1873-CC GVG. No Arrows, Closed 3	139.00
1873-CC VG-8. Arrows	195.00
1873-S G-4. Arrows	45.00
1874 Arrows. EF-40 \$239; EF-45 \$295; AU-50 \$425; AU-58	350.00
1874-S VF-20. Arrows	195.00
1875 AU-50	150.00
1875-CC VG-8	45.00
1875-S MS-60	595.00
1876 VF-20 \$39; VF-30 \$79; EF-40 \$99; EF-45. A pleasing example	139.00
1876-CC AU-55	425.00
1876-S MS-60 \$650; MS-63 (PCGS). A nice example	1,495.00
1877 EF-45 \$179; AU-50	259.00
1877-CC F-15	245.00

1877-S VF-30 \$49; EF-45 \$289; AU-55 \$325; AU-58	475.00
1878 AU-55	225.00
1878-CC GVG	230.00
1879 AU-58. Scarce and attractive	695.00
1888 MS-62 \$1295; MS-63 to 64. Very nice. Elusive in this high grade	2,500.00
1889 MS-63. 12,000 mintage	1,495.00
1891 AU-58. Blazing silver center with gorgeous rainbow peripheries	575.00
1899 EF-40. Sharp strike	195.00

## Silver Dollars

1795 Flowing Hair. B-7. Rarity-4. EF-40. A very nice coin	3,995.00
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1795 Draped Bust. B-14. MS-64. This piece is simply outstanding! The surfaces are completely original and are enhanced by gorgeous electric blue, violet, pale orange, and gold toning. Exceedingly sharply struck with each of the eagle's breast feathers sharply defined. Exceptional quality! A few light adjustment marks are noted through LIB and TY on the obverse. A prize for the specialist. 47,500.00

1795 Draped Bust. Good-4 \$550; Fine-15. B-15	1,450.00
1796 B-4. Small Date. Large Letters. Extremely Fine-40	3,150.00
1797 B-1. VF-20. 9 x 7 Stars. Large Letters variety	1,450.00
1798 B-22. VF-30	1,095.00
1799 B-3. VF-20. Rarity-5. Pleasing silver gray surfaces. Well preserved with mark-free fields	725.00



1799 B-9. AU-50. Gorgeous mint lustre complemented by pleasing lilac toning. Sharply struck and very attractive.	4,250.00
1799 F-12. Graffiti in field before Liberty's face, but a good deal at	495.00

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1799 B-5. VF-20 \$850; B-10. VF-30 \$1,095; B-9. EF-40. Mostly brilliant with a trace of peripheral toning \$1,450; B-11. Rarity-4. EF-40. Warm gray toning highlighted by a tinge of gold and rose iridescence \$1,450; EF-45. B-12a. R-4 ..... 2,950.00  
1800 B-4. Rarity-4. VF-30. A very attractive example ..... 950.00



1800 B-19. EF-45. "AMERICA!" variety. Well struck. Toned steel gray and pale orange. Nice eye appeal ..... 2,650.00  
1801 B-3. EF-40 ..... 1,450.00  
1802 AU-50. B-6. From the Buddy Epsen Sale, June 1987 ..... 4,250.00



1802/1 B-4. EF-40. Pleasing pale pastel toning. Sharp overdate. Attractive ..... 1,450.00



1803 B-5. Rarity-5. F-15. A pleasing, attractively toned example of this scarce variety \$625; B-6. VF-30 \$850; B-6. EF-40. Mostly brilliant, with a trace of pale orange peripheral toning \$1,450; B-6. EF-45. Lustrous and eye appealing ..... 2,650.00  
1840 Seated Liberty. EF-40. With hints of pale lilac toning ..... 349.00  
1842 EF-40 \$349; EF-45 \$395; AU-50 \$525; AU-55 ..... 695.00

1843 EF-45 \$395; AU-50 \$525; AU-55 \$695; AU-58 ..... 795.00  
1844 EF-45. Low mintage of just 20,000. Scarce and in demand ..... 695.00  
1846 EF-45 ..... 495.00  
1846-O EF-45. Popular as the first New Orleans dollar coin ..... 595.00  
1847 EF-45 \$395; AU-55 ..... 795.00  
1850 MS-60 or better. Very scarce and desirable ..... 6,995.00  
1853 AU-58 ..... 1,050.00  
1856 AU-50. A nice type coin ..... 795.00  
1859-O EF-45 \$395; AU-50 \$525; MS-60 \$1,995; MS-63 ..... 2,995.00  
1860-O VF-30 \$295; EF-40 \$349; EF-45. 395.00  
1862 Proof-63. A very scarce coin, with a Proof mintage of 550 coins ..... 3,450.00  
1864 AU-55. Brilliant and well struck ..... 795.00  
1866 With Motto. AU-55. Very sharp. Scarce issue ..... 1,250.00  
1870 EF-45 ..... 325.00  
1871 VF-30 \$295; EF-45 \$395; MS-60. Brilliant and flashy ..... 1,495.00  
1872 VF-30 \$295; EF-40 \$349; EF-45 \$395; AU-50 ..... 595.00  
1872-CC AU-50 to 55. Very rare and very attractive ..... 3,300.00

## Commemorative Silver Coins

We are pleased to offer a superb selection of commemorative half dollars. Included within this listing are many pieces in outstanding condition that we have not offered for quite some time. Of particular note is the MS-63 Isabella quarter, the 1921 Alabama 2x2 in MS-63 condition, the Gem 1936 Albany, an outstanding Gem Uncirculated 1922 Grant With Star (certified by PCGS), a beautiful 1936-S Oregon in MS-64 condition, and the ever-popular and elusive 1935 Spanish Trail in Uncirculated condition. Also within this listing you will find scarce issues in high circulated as well as Uncirculated grades. We encourage you to review the listing carefully as there are a great number of new purchases that have not been previously advertised.



1893 Isabella quarter. AU-50. We have two pieces available, one with gorgeous deep iridescent toning, the other is mostly brilliant with sharp strike \$365; AU-55. Sharp and lustrous with nice central device detail vis-

ble \$425; MS-60. Brilliant and lustrous \$650; MS-63. A gorgeous piece with pleasing original mint luster toning pearl gray, rose, and golden orange. The fields are very attractive and problem-free. A superb example of this scarce and important issue ..... 1,295.00

1900 Lafayette dollar. EF-45. Mostly brilliant with a trace of peripheral champagne toning \$349; AU-50. Brilliant and sharp \$395; AU-55. Lustrous and lightly toned. Attractive and problem-free \$495; AU-58. Just a whisper from full Uncirculated preservation. Fully lustrous and quite attractive ..... 795.00



1921 Alabama 2x2. VF-20 \$95; AU-58. A gorgeous piece with superb satirine lustre enhanced by deep golden and russet toning. Just a trace of light rub keeps this from MS-60 or better \$325; MS-60 to 63. A beautiful coin with outstanding full mint brilliance and superb satiny surfaces. A couple of small scratches on the obverse keep this coin in the MS-60 to 63 classification. A pleasing example of this elusive issue \$495; MS-63. A breathtakingly beautiful problem-free example of this popular and scarce issue. Fully lustrous with just a tinge of pale golden toning. Free of detracting digs and scratches. An extremely pleasing piece for a high-quality commemorative set ..... 875.00

1921 Alabama. Plain. EF-40. Pearl gray and gold toning \$89; AU-50. Pleasing deep golden orange toning \$135; MS-60 to 63. A fully lustrous example with deep mottled russet and gunmetal blue toning ..... 375.00



1936 Albany MS-63. Exceptional satiny lustre with a hint of mottled toning \$415; MS-65. An outstanding example of this issue. The surfaces are virtually immaculate and are fully brilliant and lustrous. The central devices are frosty with nice detail. Very elusive in this state of preservation ..... 1,595.00

1935 Arkansas PDS set. MS-60 ..... 325.00  
1935 Arkansas. MS-63. Brilliant with satiny surfaces ..... 215.00  
1936-D Arkansas. MS-60 ..... 129.00  
1936-S Arkansas. MS-63. Pleasing satirine lustre surfaces complemented by a whisper of golden rose toning ..... 215.00



## COMMEMORATIVE COINS CONTINUED

**1936 Arkansas PDS set. MS-60.** Brilliant and frosty. . . . . \$325.00

**1937 Arkansas PDS set. MS-60.** . . . . \$295.00

**1937-S Arkansas. MS-63.** Bright and lustrous, with a hint of peripheral toning. . . . . \$215.00

**1938 Arkansas PDS set. MS-60.** \$575; MS-63. Brilliant and satiny \$825; MS-63 to 64. Exceptional quality. All of the pieces are fully brilliant, sharp, and lustrous 1,425.00

**1939 Arkansas PDS. MS-63.** Just 2,104 pieces were minted of the Philadelphia and Denver issues, and just 2,105 were struck of the San Francisco Mint issue. Scarce and popular as a complete set. Each coin exhibits blazing full mint brilliance. . . . . \$1,295.00

**1936-S Bay Bridge. MS-60.** Attractively toned pale orange and gold \$249; MS-64. Superb satiny luster complemented by a whisper of light toning. Sharply struck and very attractive. . . . . \$425.00

**1934 Boone. MS-63 \$465; MS-64.** Exceptional satiny luster complemented by rose and gold iridescence. . . . . \$395.00

**1935 Boone. MS-63.** Lustrous. . . . . \$265.00

**1935 Boone. Small 1934. MS-63.** Sharply struck, frosty, and lustrous. . . . . \$275.00

**1935 D Boone. AU-58.** . . . . \$129.00

**1935-S Boone. MS-64.** Gorgeous full mint luster and light golden iridescence. . . . . \$449.00

**1935 Boone PDS set. MS-63.** . . . . \$625.00

**1936 Boone. MS-63.** . . . . \$267.50

**1936 D Boone. MS-63.** Brilliant, frosty, and very lustrous. . . . . \$850.00

**1936-S Boone. MS-60.** Mostly brilliant with just a trace of golden toning. . . . . \$150.00

**1936 Boone PDS set. MS-63.** Each coin is brilliant and frosty. . . . . \$625.00

**1938 Boone PDS set. MS-63 to 64.** Superb quality. Just 2,100 pieces of each issue were minted. Scarce and popular. . . . . \$1,425.00

**1936 Bridgeport. MS-63.** Lustrous. \$249; MS-64. Pleasing, fully lustrous surfaces toned deep heather orange, and rose. . . . . \$449.00



**1925-S California. MS-60 \$179; MS-63.** Sharp and lustrous \$195; MS-64. A fully lustrous piece complemented by rose, orange, and russet toning. Very attractive. . . . . \$625.00

**1936 Cincinnati. MS-64.** Very difficult to obtain this nice, as the low relief usually picks up many bagmarks. This piece is a beautiful, problem-free example with exceptional eye appeal. The surfaces are very satiny and are complemented by pastel highlights. . . . . \$575.00

**1936 Cincinnati PDS set. MS-63.** An extremely elusive offering. Difficult to locate with a nice strike and problem-free surfaces. This set is sure to please. . . . . \$1,295.00

**1936 Cleveland. MS-63 \$195; MS-64.** . . . . \$295.00

**1892 Columbian. AU-58 \$69; MS-60.** . . . . \$79.00



**1892 Columbian. MS-65.** One of the nicest Columbian half dollars we have ever seen! This coin is exquisite! The devices are sharply struck and are enhanced by satiny surfaces toned in gorgeous pastel hues. An outstanding example of the issue. Sure to please. . . . . \$3,850.00

**1893 Columbian. MS-60.** . . . . \$85.00

**1936 Columbia PDS set. MS-63.** A pleasing, strictly original set with gorgeous surfaces complemented by a whisper of pale iridescent toning. Free of the dark peripheral toning commonly seen on this issue. The central devices are sharp on each piece and the set is nicely matched. . . . . \$1,095.00

**1935 Connecticut. MS-63.** Breathtakingly beautiful satiny luster. Sharp and extremely eye-appealing. . . . . \$475.00



**1936 Delaware. MS-64.** Gorgeous full mint brilliance and luster complemented by just the slightest tinge of pale gold peripheral toning. A very attractive, high-quality example of this issue. . . . . \$595.00

**1936 Elgin. MS-60.** Well struck, satiny, and attractively toned rose and gold. . . . . \$325.00



**1922 Grant With Star. MS-65. (PCGS).** A fully lustrous, mostly brilliant example with just a trace of light toning around the periphery on the obverse. An extremely rare issue in Gem condition. A prize for the collector. . . . . \$18,995.00

**1922 Grant. No Star. AU-58 \$95; MS-60 \$169; MS-64.** A sharp, fully lustrous piece with beautiful frosty central devices and a trace of pale rose and gold toning. . . . . \$695.00



**1928 Hawaiian. AU-55.** Brilliant with just a trace of peripheral champagne toning \$895; AU-58. Sharply struck and fully lustrous. The key to the commemorative half dollar series. This coin would make an attractive addition to a high-quality set. . . . . \$1,075.00

**1935 Hudson. AU-58.** Brilliant and lustrous \$510; MS-60 \$575; MS-63. A beautiful example of the issue toned in gorgeous sky blue, violet, pale orange, and warm gray hues \$895; MS-64. A fully lustrous piece toned fiery orange and gold. . . . . \$1,295.00

**1924 Huguenot. AU-55 (ANACS) \$99; MS-60.** Subdued mint luster with beautiful light iridescent toning \$169; MS-63. Frosty and lustrous. . . . . \$395.00

**1946 Iowa. MS-63 \$189; MS-64.** Satiny with light golden toning \$225; MS-65. Gorgeous mint frost over satiny surfaces. . . . . \$395.00

**1925 Lexington. AU-55 \$49; AU-58 \$59; MS-60 \$69; MS-63.** . . . . \$179.00

**1936 Long Island. AU-58 \$75; MS-60 \$89; MS-63 \$195; MS-64.** Superb satiny luster. Well struck. . . . . \$449.00

**1936 Lynchburg. MS-63.** Subdued natural luster toned silver-gray, and gold \$315; MS-64. Blazing mint brilliance with a hint of pale orange peripheral toning. . . . . \$425.00

**1920 Maine. AU-55 \$195; MS-60.** Pleasing iridescent and pearl gray toning \$249; MS-63. Brilliant with a trace of rose toning. . . . . \$665.00

**1935 Maryland. MS-60 \$195; MS-63.** . . . . \$279.00

**1929-S Monroe. AU-55 \$45; MS-60 \$79; MS-63.** Lustrous with light toning. . . . . \$269.00

**1938 New Rochelle. MS-63.** Brilliant, frosty, and very attractive \$495; MS-64. A superb piece. This frosty coin has satiny surfaces and a tinge of champagne toning. . . . . \$550.00

**1925 Norse-American medal.** Thick planchet. MS-60. . . . . \$9.00

**1926 Oregon. AU-50.** . . . . \$95.00

**1926-S Oregon. AU-50 \$85; AU-55 \$125; MS-63.** Fully lustrous with gorgeous rose toning around the periphery. . . . . \$295.00

**1928 Oregon. MS-63.** Well struck, fully lustrous, and attractively toned. . . . . \$415.00

**1933-D Oregon. MS-63.** Brilliant. . . . . \$395.00

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- 1934-D Oregon. MS-63. Gorgeous full original mint brilliance and frost ..... \$425.00  
1936 Oregon. MS-60 \$215; MS-63 ..... \$295.00



- 1936-S Oregon. MS-63. Fully brilliant \$325.  
MS-64. A gorgeous piece attractively toned in warm gray and deep rose hues. Well struck and frosty ..... \$725.00  
1937-D Oregon. MS-63 ..... \$295.00  
1935-S Panama-Pacific. AU-50 \$269; AU-55 \$295; MS-60. A superb piece with gorgeous deep iridescent toning and a nice strike. \$425.  
MS-63 (PCGS). An exceptional piece in a superb state of preservation. Scarce and extremely popular ..... \$1,150.00  
1920 Pilgrim. AU-55 \$49; MS-60 \$89; MS-63 \$199.  
MS-64. Brilliant ..... \$275.00  
1921 Pilgrim. EF-45 \$99; MS-63. Scarce than the 1920 issue. This coin is well struck and is unusually attractively toned in deep iridescent hues ..... \$249.00  
1936 Rhode Island. AU-58 \$145; MS-60 \$139.  
MS-63 ..... \$189.00  
1937-D Rhode Island. AU-58 \$149; MS-60, attractive ..... \$139.00  
1936-S Rhode Island. MS-60 \$139; MS-63. Fully lustrous ..... \$189.00  
1936 Rhode Island PDS set. MS-60 \$395.  
MS-60 to 63 \$415; MS-63 ..... \$525.00  
1937 Roanoke. MS-63. Brilliant and frosty. \$325.  
MS-64. Gorgeous full mint luster \$995.00  
1936 Robinson. MS-60 to 63 \$195; MS-63, attractive ..... \$235.00  
1935-S San Diego. MS-63. Exceptional satiny luster with golden highlights ..... \$490.00  
1936-S San Diego. MS-63. Lustrous ..... \$490.00  
1936-D San Diego. MS-63 \$349; MS-64. Blazing mint brilliance and luster complemented by a whisper of golden iridescence. Extreme attractive ..... \$345.00  
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